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## FUNDING GETS THE GO-AHEAD

### Tarmac beach to be replaced after 31 years at Porthcawl

**PORHCRAWL'S tarmac beach will be a thing of the past – after the Welsh Government confirmed that funding has been allocated for its replacement.**

It is acknowledged that the beach, despite attracting plenty of negative comment about its appearance, has done its job in protecting the Porthcawl promenade from stormy seas.

It was two years ago that a consultation exercise in the town said that a concrete, tiered structure would do as good a job, and those who took part in the consultation selected it as the preferred

**Report by PHILIP IRWIN**

option. Late last year, cash was made available for the design stage of the project, and now, with the confirmation of funds, the only hurdle remaining is for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to put the plans before its own planning department.

As long as BCBC councillors pass the BCBC proposals, the work will go ahead, although the time scale is still not confirmed.

Coun Hywel Williams, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "We

welcome this allocation of funding which will enable us to replace Porthcawl's 'concrete beach' with all-new sea defences that will be capable of standing up to the elements for the next 100 years.

"Last month, we received approval for our proposal to progress to the detailed design and development stage, and we are delighted that the construction funding has now been confirmed.

"The current sea defence was put in place in 1984, to prevent erosion and reduce the chance of waves breaking over the top of the promenade.

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## PUB QUIZ TEAM HANDS £800 TO LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR



*The quiz team presents a cheque to Da Capo children's choir.*

**FOR over ten years, quiz nights have been held in the Royal Oak, Station Road, Kenfig Hill, where donations are collected for local organisations.**

On Thursday of last week, members of the quiz team visited the choral suite at the Green Acre, Cornelly, to present a cheque for £800 to the Da Capo children's choir at their weekly rehearsal.

Da Capo and Crescendo (a youth

choir) are junior choirs run by Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir.

The musical director of Da Capo and Crescendo, Kathryn Brace, expressed her gratitude, and that of the choir, to the Royal Oak quiz team for such a generous donation.

*If you are looking for a new interest and meeting new friends, the Royal Oak quizzes take place on Tuesday nights where a warm welcome awaits all new members.*

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# YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS...

**Laleston WI**  
**VICE president**  
**Barbara Rees**  
wished everyone a  
**Happy New Year**  
when she opened  
**Laleston WI's**  
**January 7 meeting,**  
and a warm  
welcome was given  
to new members  
**Jeanette Ackland,**  
**Tina Coleman,**  
**Deborah Jones and**  
**Diane Thomas.**

Diane Marshall gave members welcome news of a great improvement in the health of president Margaret Ayles; the Federation newsletter was discussed, along with other items on the agenda and eight potential resolutions for NFWI campaigns were voted upon.

The book club will meet on January 19 at Bridgend Library.

The Beetle Drive was won by Rosemary Dwyer; Jeanette Ackland won the Ladybird competition, and Maureen Morgan won the raffle.

The next meeting will be held on February 4 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club). The guest speaker, Polly Davies will relate 'The Wild West Tales of Annie Oakley'. The competition is for a travel souvenir. For further information, call Diane on 01656 656600.

**Well bowled!**  
**WELSH outdoor bowls**  
**competitions recently**  
**held in Cyprus were**  
**pre-qualifiers for the**  
**world championship**  
**competition in**  
**Christchurch, New**  
**Zealand later in the**  
**year.**

For the first time, there was no overall team qualification, with each discipline having to meet the requirement, thus allowing the smaller nations an opportunity to qualify in some, if not

all disciplines.

Despite two of our bronze medal winners in the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014 being unavailable because of family and work commitments, selectors were confident that the chosen team could obtain the necessary standard required for Christchurch and this proved to be correct, albeit on greens totally different to what we will expect next year.

Qualification was achieved in each discipline, with one silver and one bronze medal, which could and should have been more, as Robert lost out by one shot for a medal, and Ross and Kevin by a shot difference of two in the pairs.

It had been a very successful two weeks and a number of players have put their hands up for consideration for selection for World Bowls next year. The national selectors have tough decisions to make.

**Well attended!**  
**I WOULD like to wish**  
**every success to Jo**  
**Blackstone, the new**  
**acting headteacher at**  
**Tynrhod Primary**  
**School, Llangeinor.**

The following pupils achieved 100 per cent attendance at the school during the autumn term: Zoe Baird, Morgan Bater, Darcey Bennetta, Indigo Brunt, Oscar Brunt, Tygan Crocker, Lloyd Graham, Harry Hopwood, Harrison Jones, Sophie Jones, Nia Lewis, Max Loosmore, Shannon Matthews, Jamie McCann, Grace Pascoe, Paige Penny, Noah Pook and Declan Rose.

Class 3 pupils will have swimming lessons from January 25 to February 5, and on January 21 there will be a workshop for all pupils titled 'Show Racism the Red Card.'

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of THE GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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## Warning

ON Saturday, January 30 at 7.30pm there will be a performance at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (The Green Hall) by the Unknown Theatre Company of a play by Oliver Lansley, which contains strong language and some explicit scenes.

## Church services

ALL Saints' Church, Pen-y-fai will hold a Christian unity service on Thursday, January 21 at 7.30pm.

At St Tydfodwg's Church, Glynogwr, the annual carol service held by Llangeinor Hunt raised £200, which was donated to the charity Age Cymru.

**Final concert?**  
**IT is with regret I must**  
**report that the**  
**magnificent choir Cor**  
**Meibion Cwm Garw,**  
**which has benefited so**  
**many charities over its**  
**63 years, performed its**  
**last concert with**  
**Faldau Junior School**  
**in St David's church,**  
**Pontycymer.**

As an optimist, I hope this is a hiccup in its existence, and the men in the Garw Valley realise what an asset this choir was to the community, and decide to reinstate it.

**Cheer-up!**  
**COR Meibion Maesteg**  
**ar Cylch (Maesteg and**  
**District Male Choir) is**  
**holding its annual**  
**concert at Maesteg**  
**Town Hall on**  
**Saturday, January 16**  
**at 7pm.**

This is always an enjoyable event, and it will be a big 'cheer-up' in what is considered to be the most depressing week in the winter months.

Tickets are £8, available at the town hall.

**Twin visit**  
**PENCOED Town and**  
**District Twinning**  
**Association has invited**  
**53 residents from its**  
**twin town Waldsassen,**  
**Bavaria, to visit and**  
**attend a number of**  
**social events.**

To help raise funds, it is holding an Easter fair and table top sale at the Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall on Saturday, March 19 from 11am to 3pm. Tables £10, available from Mark Steer; email: marksteer150@gmail.com, or 07506 337533.

## First Aid

**BRIDGEND**  
**Communities First is**  
**offering a free**  
**paediatric emergency**  
**first aid course to deal**  
**with children's**  
**accidents, at Betws Life**  
**Centre on January 27**  
**from 9.15am - 3.30pm,**  
**knowledge that could**  
**help save a child's life.**

It is also holding a course at Sam Lifelong Learning Centre on January 29 from 9.15am - 3.30pm at which participants can gain qualifications in preparing, storing and re-heating food safely and how to avoid common hazards.

The courses are available to all residents in a Bridgend Communities First postcode area.

For more information, phone Jennifer Roberts on 01656 643518 or 07815 527124.

## School invite

**TONDU Primary**  
**School is inviting**  
**families of children**  
**under three to the**  
**nursery building in**  
**Heol Persondy,**  
**Aberkenfig on**  
**Wednesdays from**  
**9.30am - 10.30am for a**  
**get-together; and to**  
**Helping Hands project**  
**at the nursery on**  
**Tuesdays.**

The following pupils obtained full marks with their homework in the autumn term:

**Miss Morgan's class**  
**Cynffig: Harrie Readon,**  
**Evie Williams.**

**Mrs Woolfs' class**  
**Ewenni: Ollie Clay,**  
**Mason Collier, Morgan**  
**Collier, Cerys Griffiths,**  
**Darcie Hayes, Abigail**  
**Jones, Laila Jones,**  
**Imogen Lewis, Dylan**  
**Merrett, William**  
**Ockwell-Bowen,**  
**Hayden Painter, Jack**  
**Rose, Alexis Tapner,**  
**Jack Wang, Ruby Young.**

**Mrs Pugh's class**  
**Garw: Kaylen Alston,**  
**Iwan Baker, Mia**  
**Blakemore, Cariad**  
**Evans, Ben Featham,**  
**Llewys Evans, Maddie**  
**Flower, Aidan Hall,**  
**Rhys Hopkins, George**  
**Jarman-Davies, Amber**  
**Lloyd, Loveday Lock,**  
**Grace Oram, Aidan**  
**Raddford, Issac Reardon,**  
**Jayden Reeves, Harley-**  
**Seren Terry, Olivia-**  
**Jayne Thomas, Elaine**  
**Wang, Tryston Wickett,**  
**Finley Williams, Emily**  
**Wodecki, Elliott Zhang.**

## Mr Lewis' class

**Llynfi: Noah Barry,**  
**Farai Chikadaya, Dylan**  
**Lewis, Erin Marshall,**  
**Jayden Newell, Elis**  
**O'Connor, Chase Owen,**  
**Madison Phillips, Joshua**  
**Powell, Tegan Rampley,**  
**Anwen Thomas, Alisha**  
**William.**

## Miss Davies' class

**Ogwr: Sophie Barrett,**  
**Josie Chan, Wil Davies,**  
**Maddie Evans, Kacey**  
**Floyd, Iestyn Galtry,**  
**Rhidian Galtry, Gracie**  
**Jones, Tom Jonsson,**  
**Imogen Merrett, Tia**  
**Richards,**  
**Emily Williamson.**

## Mrs Lucas' class

**Rhondda: Jamie-Lee**  
**Baker, Carwyn Barry,**  
**Lillie-Eve Cronin,**  
**Maisie Fahey, Cerys**  
**Fisher, Megan Simpson,**  
**Fabian Tapner, Corey**  
**Thomas, Luke Thomas,**  
**Emily Tuck.**

**Mrs Russell's class**  
**Taf: Leila Carlyon,**  
**Thomas Chauvel, Ben**  
**Fisher, Owain Hopkins,**  
**Lara Morris, Harley**  
**Thomas, Sam Thomas.**

## Mrs James' class

**Tawe: Jerry Chan,**  
**Tiffany Chen, Seren**  
**Dare, Dylan Evans,**  
**Jessica Evans, Brook**  
**Hawkins, Brooke**  
**Ockwell, Tia Ockwell,**  
**Kieran O'Connor, Sophie**  
**Tipper, Jarad Young.**

## Miss Mahoney's

**class Usk: Cameron**  
**Baker, Rhys Bake,**  
**Joshua Collier, Belle**  
**Evans, Jonny Evans,**  
**Dylan Griffiths, Livvy**  
**Herbert, Keira Hill,**  
**Connor Jones, Ieuan**  
**Lane, Tia Popham, Holly**  
**Price, Geroge Barry,**  
**Tegan Chambers, Iestyn**  
**Rees, Tyler Richards,**  
**Maddie Rose, Cleo**  
**Tapner, Max Taylor,**  
**Jacob Waterman, Amelia**  
**Webb, Olivia Webb, Joe**  
**Williams, Iestyn**  
**Williamson.**

## Ladies first

**WALESTON**  
**Gardening Club's**  
**ladies section meets**  
**on the first and third**  
**Tuesday of the month**  
**at 7.30pm and on**  
**January 19 it will have**  
**a talk by local police**  
**support officer Liz**  
**Tancock.**

A longstanding member, Mr Bernard Phillips has celebrated his 90th birthday recently.

As well as other duties, Bernard was show secretary from 1992-2010.

The members of this active club meet at Cliff Cottage, High Street, adjacent to the parish church.

The club has a series of monthly meetings throughout the autumn and winter months and welcomes new members.

# Residents to benefit from free energy saving advice

**BRIDGEND**  
**residents will be**  
**able to save money**  
**on their energy bills**  
**and keep warm this**  
**winter with help**  
**from the Welsh**  
**Government Warm**  
**Homes Nest scheme.**

The Nest team will be at the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) offices at Angel Street on Monday, January 18 between 9am and 3pm to help local residents reduce the cost of their energy bills.

In addition to advice, people who receive a means tested benefit and live in a home that is hard to heat can also find out if they are eligible for free home improvements from the Welsh Government. These may include a replacement boiler, central heating system or insulation.

Lee Parry, head of Nest, said: "Nest offers a

wide range of support to help people who are struggling to heat their homes and worry about their energy bills. Over 17,700 households across Wales have received free home improvements from Nest over the last four years."

Mrs Squires of Maesteg said: "My boiler was 45 years old, so I had a friend contact Nest for me. My home is much warmer and it's nice to get up in the morning and have heating straight away. I would recommend it to anybody who could have it because it made it so much better for me."

Nest can be contacted on Freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit [www.nestwales.org.uk](http://www.nestwales.org.uk) for advice on reducing energy bills and to find out if you qualify for a package of Welsh Government funded home energy improvements.

# CHURCHES TOGETHER

**CHURCHES**  
**Together in**  
**Porthcawl will take**  
**part in a Week of**  
**Prayer for**  
**Christian Unity**  
**which is taking**  
**place throughout**  
**the world, January**  
**18-25.**

In Porthcawl, this will be marked as follows: January 14, 7.15pm; preliminary prayer meeting, Arlington Road.

January 18, 10.30 am, the coffee morning at Gilgal. January 9, 7.15pm at Tabernacl. January 20, February 15.

12 noon, soup lunch at All Saints. January 22, 12 noon, soup lunch at Stella Maris. January 24, 6pm at Trinity United Service, guest preacher, Pastor Paul Homans, Community Church Aberkenfig.

The annual general meeting will be held on January 28 in Trinity at 7.15pm, when the guest speaker will be the Rev Teddy Kalongo.

The inter-denominational Lent course, led by the ministers of the town, will commence on January 20, February 15.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JANUARY 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
14 Thur	09.17	9.9	21.38	9.9
15 Fri	09.59	9.7	22.24	9.3
16 Sat	10.52	9.4	23.15	8.9
17 Sun	11.47	9.0		
18 Mon	00.16	8.3	12.54	8.4
19 Tues	01.27	8.3	14.04	8.4
20 Wed	02.47	8.3	15.24	8.5
21 Thur	03.59	8.6	16.31	8.8

While THE GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

# Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery number D913.

● £2,000: 970433.

● The rollover was not won this week.

● £10: 302735, 868518, 700562, 374026, 443607, 709572, 241842, 187841, 274988, 449115, 697220, 552130, 153775, 652788, 669397, 479320, 478536, 448370, 815572.

● £5: 576303, 888901, 838634, 665527, 647674, 421580, 767385, 887191, 494261, 362560, 201490, 242632, 466656.

884409, 368532, 285053, 709861, 495122, 651496, 303347, 430136, 804305, 797009, 321812, 322166, 877211, 932045, 692835, 684554, 572952, 423132, 882263, 262817, 212069, 739273, 872144, 767993, 270211, 797792, 673722, 324857, 724288, 516015, 186045, 817062, 746414, 423222, 409725, 373381, 347093, 771147, 271901, 191151, 238745, 168037, 744186, 759670, 000152, 1337357, 1383890.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

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Coun Sean Aspey pointing out where the original bitumen 'beach' has been patched up with a tarmac repair.



## Tarmac beach is to be replaced after funding joy



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Coun Williams added: "The asphalt has done a good job over the last 30 years, but as it needs increasing maintenance to continue to function effectively, we are pleased to have the opportunity to introduce a fresh new sea defence."

"The new design will feature a terraced revetment in a similar style to the sea defences found in other coastal towns across the UK including Margate."

The design was chosen following public consultation in 2013, and will be hardy enough to stand up to the tough maritime conditions.

"Work will now continue on completing the design and development stage before a full planning application can be submitted and construction work can begin."

Coun Sean Aspey represents Porthcawl on BCBC, and is delighted with the news. He told The GEM that

he had taken a particular interest in the beach, and contacted the Welsh Government about its condition in 2012.

He said: "It was obvious that the original bitumen-based material was being broken up – it had been there for more than 25 years."

"Also, there was concern that no sea life was to be found around the beach. There were no crabs in the rock pools and no seaweed growing anywhere."

It was in 2013 that the consultations began on a replacement, and Coun Aspey is happy with the new structure.

He said: "I have been told that the new structure will be made elsewhere and then brought in when the weather is suitable. That should cut down on delays caused by bad weather."

"My understanding is that some of the existing bitumen will be enclosed by the new structure, while any that is outside the new structure will be removed."

## LOCAL CHOIR ENTERTAINS AT THE CHEPSTOW RACES



### Age Cymru grant gave festive cheer to elderly

**COYCHURCH** 50+ Community Cafe has had a winter celebration grant from Age Cymru – as part of a campaign to combat loneliness and isolation.

The Coychurch group used the money to fund transport to a festive event during the winter months to support vulnerable older people in the local area.

Chairperson, Sarah Lawton from the Community Cafe said: "We were so pleased to receive this generous grant as part of Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth campaign."

"This gave us the opportunity to take members of the local community, both mobile and those less mobile, to Cardiff, to enjoy the pantomime. Small groups like our café, rely on donations and the goodwill of volunteers to ensure that older people in our community, continue to enjoy company and are not alone,

particularly at Christmas."

Age Cymru is joining forces with older people's groups across Wales to help combat loneliness during the winter months.

Victoria Lloyd, Age Cymru's Director of Influencing and Programme Development says: "We're pleased to give Coychurch Community Cafe this gift through the Spread the Warmth campaign, to combat loneliness during the cold winter months."

"Our campaign highlights the importance of looking out for older people in winter and we're delighted to be able to support local groups with this important work."

Age Cymru works nationally and locally through its network of independent local Age Cymru partners. It is committed to achieving an age-friendly Wales where older people have equal rights to respect, opportunities and the same access to services as the rest of the population.

**DESPITE** real concerns about the yellow weather warning at Chepstow Races, the sun actually shone when Bridgend Male Choir choristers entertained from the parade ring.

Under musical director Rhiannon Williams-Hale and accompanist Stephanie Bailey, the choir sang some traditional and lively numbers to appreciative punters.

Audience numbers grew throughout the performance with the stands and terraces quite full close to race time.

More informal singing in the Premier bar drew a huge following, by which time the heavens had opened outdoors.

Despite an accurate tip for the winner in the Coral Welsh Grand National from Rhiannon, most choristers did their own thing and inevitably lost, their horses probably still running!

DTB



### Rotarians hand gifts to young hospital patients



**THE** Rotary Club of Bridgend were given vouchers by Tesco and Sainsbury's stores to be used in the Christmas period.

As a result the Rotary Club decided to allocate a significant part of its traditional Christmas charity collection to supplement the vouchers and purchase something that could be used in the children's ward of the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend for those children who would be in hospital over Christmas.

After consultation with the staff a number of mobile DVD players were purchased for the use of children who would be forced to

spend Christmas in hospital. So, the week before, Rotarians Gwyn Thomas, Edward Jones and David Hubbard visited the Princess of Wales children's ward to

present the DVDs and toys. Ward Sister Kaye Ahearne and her staff accepted the gifts on behalf of the young patients. GH

### Choir's thank you

**HARMONY** would like to thank everyone who came to support their Christmas charity concert on December 11 in St David's Church, Maesteg.

In giving your support you have helped the choir raise £400 for the local Alzheimer's Society. The evening was in true Christmas spirit, surrounded by over 20 Christmas trees from the Christmas tree festival, with the ladies singing Christmas songs old and new.

To finish off the evening, the audience were treated to sherry and mince pies.

If you are looking for a fun and dynamic ladies' choir group to entertain you and your guests at weddings, charity events, or any other functions, please contact Mrs Shan White (07970 394076) or Miss Wendy Murphy (07983 571578).

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## Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Simon Young – 110 Bryn Road, Brynmenyn – 30 per cent crown reduction, lift crown to one metre above fence and remove limb to thin the crown of Beech tree.  
D K Hobbs – 26 Ysbyrdy Coed, Penyfai – Fell six (multiple trunk) tree clusters.  
Darren Evans – 12 Queen Street, Brynmenyn – Two storey extension to rear.  
Mr Viv Hughes – Abergarw Farm, New Road, Brynmenyn – Discharge of conditions 1-10, 12-17 of P/14/742/OUT.  
The Jump Company (Bridgend) Ltd – Unit 2, Horsfair Road, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend – Change of use of existing vacant warehouse into D2 leisure use.  
Mr H Nelms – Land at Cefn Cross, Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr – Two storey three-bedroom residential dwelling.  
Mr J Murrant – 63 Ewenny Road, Bridgend – Remove detached garage and replace with a two-storey granny annexe.  
Darlow Lloyd Construction Ltd – St Johns Ambulance all, Bedford Close, Cefn Cribwr – Create 12 flats comprising 3 x two-bed flats and 9 x one-bed flats in one two-storey building.  
Dr Howard Davies – Craig Afon, Island Farm Road, Bridgend – Demolish existing front porch and erect new porch.  
Valleys to Coast Housing – Land rear of 65-66 Ael-y-Bryn, North Cornelly – Construction of 23 dwellings and associated works.  
Mr Ieuan Morris – 14 West Street, Maesteg – Demolition of existing sub-standard extension and construction of

replacement rear extension.  
Mr V Hughes – Land at Abergarw Farm, Brynmenyn – Application for approval of details for conditions 18 and 19 of P/14/742/OUT.  
Pyle Community Council – Verge in front of 8-72 marlas Road, Pyle – Environmental improvements to grass verge including new footpath links to bus stops, planting and artwork entrance features.  
Valleys to Coast Housing Ltd – Land rear of 20 Heol yr Onnen, Pencoe – One detached bungalow.  
Mr P Payne – The Hollies, Court Colman, Bridgend – Double storey side extension.  
Valleys to Coast Housing Ltd – Land rear of 7 Heol yr Onnen, Pencoe – Two semi-detached bungalows.  
Mrs Christine Took – 4 The Crescent, Aberkenfig – Detached garage.  
Mr S Taylor – 9 Dan y Deri, Broadlands – First floor extension to create living space off an existing bedroom for elderly relative.  
Mr G Jordan – 37 Rockfields, Nottage, Porthcawl – Proposed porch and boundary wall.  
Mr A C Pucella – 26 Clos Manteg, Broadlands, Bridgend – First floor supported extension creating bedroom and facilities for a disabled child.  
Engineering Services (London) Ltd – Lime Kiln Yard, Heol y Splott, South Cornelly – Change use from waste recycling yard to repair and maintenance of industrial machinery.

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A school spokeswoman said: "It is expected that once again the school will present a fantastic show and tickets are likely to be sold out quickly. The Saturday performance will be a matinee."

This year's crop of talented pupils are looking forward to reviving the West End smash hit musical, which

## Building company pays for Guide dog's training programme

**A LOCAL** housebuilding company has given £7,500 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association training a young puppy.

David Wilson Homes first sponsored a puppy 20 years ago, and the donation will support the training of a two-month-old Golden Labrador Retriever called Wilson.

Wilson was part of a litter of eight puppies and his formal training will begin when he is around 14 months old and will last for three to nine months.

Guide dogs can provide years of active service for their owner before retiring around the age of 10.

Richard Lawson at David Wilson Homes South Wales, said: "Our symbol is a Golden Retriever so we have always felt a very strong connection with the Guide Dogs charity."

"We have sponsored a number of puppies over the years and hope our latest donation will further strengthen our ties with the charity and the hugely important work it carries out."

• For further details about the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, visit [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)



**LEFT:** Two months old Wilson will have to wait a year before starting his training to be a Guide dog.

## Be a disability volunteer...

As we begin 2016, and the world starts to look ahead to the Rio Paralympics (and Olympics, of course!) I am writing to ask if your readers would like to volunteer with Leonard Cheshire Disability.

As well as supporting disabled people to live life the way they choose, the work will enable you to master many new skills and discover an amazing new side to yourself.

We are particularly keen to recruit new volunteer drivers, as well as volunteers to support disabled people in the evenings and weekends.

To find out more about how to become a Leonard Cheshire Disability volunteer, visit [www.leonardcheshire.org](http://www.leonardcheshire.org), call 020 3242 0296; or email: [volunteers@leonardcheshire.org](mailto:volunteers@leonardcheshire.org).

Begoña Mendez, Volunteer Enabling Co-ordinator, Leonard Cheshire Disability.

## New man in the chair at Bridgend Business Forum

**B R I D G E N D** Business Forum has welcomed its former vice-chair, Ian Jessopp, managing director at kksolutions, as its new chairperson.

He has succeeded Alison Hoy, chief executive at Berry Smith Lawyers, who stepped down after just over three years in the role.

Supported by Bridgend County Borough Council, the business forum acts as a voice for local businesses. It represents companies of all sizes and across all sectors and currently has a membership of 663 organisations.

Commenting on his new role, Mr Jessopp said: "I am delighted to take over from Alison as chair of the Bridgend Business Forum. I have been involved with the forum since its inception seven years ago and I've witnessed its growth year on year. I have seen first-hand, the positive impact the forum has had on the business community in the Bridgend area."

"I am confident we will see membership of the forum grow again this year and we already have a full programme of business events and training sessions scheduled for local businesses throughout



2016. I am looking forward to my term as chairperson and I look forward to offering my full support to its future growth and development."

Alison Hoy said: "I'd like to wish Ian every success in his role. I'm sure there are lots of great things to come and I look forward to supporting the forum in the future, as it continues to go from strength to strength."

The council's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, Coun Charles Smith, said: "One of the council's priorities is to support local businesses. The forum is in the ideal position to continue to offer information, support and advice to local organisations. We value the work which has been undertaken to establish and maintain these strong links between the public and private sector."

"I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Ian the very best of luck in his new role and look forward to working with the forum again this year to the benefit of the business community in the county borough."

The Bridgend Business Forum will shortly be contacting its members for nominations for the vice-chair position. To find out more about the forum, or to register as a member, visit [www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk](http://www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk).

## Disabled children enjoy fun and festive magic

*Santa visits local children at a party in Westward Community Centre.*



**DISABLED** children who attend various programmes run by BCBC's play team enjoyed a festive party with parents, carers and siblings – all thanks to support from local companies, including DJ Alan Carpenter and Magic & Mayhem who gave their time for free, trustees of the Westward Community Centre who donated free use of the hall, and donations from Bridgend Town Council's Mayoral Fund and the Bridgend Lions.

Play Team staff gave up their holiday time for free to help out, and Santa and his elf even made a special visit.

Bridgend Town Mayor, Coun David White and Mayoress Mrs Jacqueline White, also supported the party and were in attendance on the

day. "To see everyone coming together to put on this party, giving disabled children and their families a chance to have some fun among the daily challenges that they may face, is heart-warming," the Mayor said.

"I'd like to give thanks and recognition to the staff and to everyone who contributed and made this possible."

BCBC's cabinet member for children's social services and equalities, Coun Hailey Townsend, said: "At this time of year, many of us will be thinking how we can make things better for ourselves and our family in the year ahead."

"I believe the individuals who volunteered their time to make this party possible, set a good example of the good deeds that can be done within our communities."

# CIVIC CHARITY CELEBRATES WITH FESTIVE DONATIONS



PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN.



**DECEMBER was a busy month for the Bridgend County Civic Charity commencing with an early Christmas dinner and presentation evening held on December 12, arranged in conjunction with Heronston Hotel.**

The chairperson, Coun Marlene Thomas, called on Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend and First Minister for Wales as master of ceremonies for the event and the evening was under control from beginning to the end!

An auction took place conducted by Mr Hopkin Joseph, a well-known local auctioneer.

Former Mayor of Bridgend county borough, county councillor Gary Thomas made presentations to the chosen charities of his year of office from the total raised of £15,000 – Macmillan Cancer Support, Bridgend Carers' Centre, Friends of Bridgend Youth Music and other local charities.

The special guest speaker, Mrs Kate Thomas, CVO, JP, Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, spoke on 'My experiences and enjoyment as Lord Lieutenant'.

Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, Coun Richard Young,

gave a vote of thanks to all involved.

On December 13, local charities had an outstanding time at the Grand Pavilion Theatre, Porthcawl for a special performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. The evening was well supported, very much enjoyed and appreciated with the Mayor of the county borough and the Mayor of Porthcawl receiving donations for their chosen charities from the performance.

A community charity carol service was held on December 16 at St Mary's Church, Nolton, Bridgend, conducted by Rev Canon Michael Komor, Rector of St Mary's Church, Nolton, Area Dean and Mayor's Chaplain.

The organist was Mr John Davies and the artists, Miss Summer Knight and Llangewydd School Choir with readings by two PCSOs, representatives of the chosen charities and committee members, leader of BCBC Coun Mel Nott and Lee Jukes of Bridge FM. A collection was taken during the service.

On January 17, there will be a for a post-Christmas lunch at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl with guest speaker Chief Superintendent South Wales Police, Stuart Parfitt. Tickets £2, from M Major on 01656 664105 or M Thomas on 01656 871439.

# Would you walk over hot coals to help out unwanted cats?

**CAT lovers in Bridgend are being urged to take a deep breath and take on a special challenge this spring.**

But it's not a challenge for the faint-hearted – a 20ft barefoot walk over burning hot coals! Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is on the lookout for fearless cat lovers to take part in a sponsored firewalk.

Anyone taking part will be able to walk across wood embers smouldering at 800 degrees – and then walk away without experiencing pain or injury.

The event, to be held at the centre on March 19, 6pm–9pm, will raise cash to help unwanted cats at the centre such as 15-year-old Daisy, admitted due to difficult family circumstances.

Sue Dobbs, the centre manager said: "The firewalk is certainly quite a challenge and there's no doubt participants will have to be pretty brave."

"However, many people who have completed a firewalk talk of how inspirational it is, so we hope they will find it a rewarding experience – especially as they will be raising much-needed funds to give unwanted cats a second chance in life."

The fire walkers will need to provide £25 registration fee and agree to a fundraising target of £125 in order to take part.

A two-hour training session will be given before the event by firewalking experts, who will be on hand throughout the evening.

Apart from providing the ultimate challenge for thrill-seekers, firewalking is an ancient religious and spiritual practice, with the first recorded firewalk taking place in India 3,000 years ago.

There are many theories as to why it is possible to walk over hot coals without pain or injury – including the poor heat conductivity of wood, the short contact time between the coals and feet, and adopting a 'mind over matter' approach.

Anyone wishing to take part should ring the centre on 01656 724396, or email [bridgend@cats.org.uk](mailto:bridgend@cats.org.uk)

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Would you do the firewalk for Daisy, above?

**BELOW; The firewalk challenge from a previous event.**



## Bridgend Bridge Club news

**FORTY EIGHT members of the Bridgend Bridge club attended a party on Friday, January 8.**

Everyone enjoyed superb food, followed by bridge. Thanks must go to all members of the committee for arranging such a convivial and successful evening, a wonderful start to another year of bridge in our club.

The results for recent events are:

Wednesday, January 6: 1st Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage, 2nd Peter Bugden and Geoff Barnes, 3rd Simon and Debbie Richards. Winners on handicap Peter Bugden and Geoff Barnes.

Thursday, January 7: 1st John Hillman and Mari Jones, 2nd John Evans and Martin Brawn, 3rd Rosalie Clode and Eileen Williams. Winners on handicap John Hillman and Mari Jones.

Friday, January 8:

North/South - 1st Jane Brook and Wendy Williams, 2nd Vida Halford and Glyn Williams, 3rd Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. Winners on handicap Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett. East/West - 1st Linda Pincock and Jenny Vaughan, 2nd Tony and Emer Disley, 3rd Dave and Debbie Lea. Winners on handicap Linda Pincock and Jenny Vaughan.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session.

Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

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# 'Multi-million pound flooding defence funding shows value of everyone pulling together'

**F**OLLOWING the recent announcement of Welsh Government funding of £2.9m for flood protection works in Barry, I was delighted to welcome a Statement from the Minister for Natural Resources, Carl Sargeant AM, this week, confirming funding for flood protection schemes in Boverton and Llanmaes.

In his Statement, 'Update on Welsh Government Action on Flooding in Wales' the Minister announced an additional £4.2m of funding for 2016/17 on important flood defence schemes in Boverton in the Vale and Porthcawl.

In his press statement he said: "Boverton is an area that has suffered frequent flooding in recent years.

"It will reduce risk

to around 17 homes and businesses and also provide amenity improvements. The scheme will be built alongside and complement an existing project nearby in Llanmaes-reducing risk in the wider catchment."

I want to pay tribute to all those who have worked hard to bring us to this important announcement which will protect the homes of residents and businesses who have been devastated by the flooding in Boverton.

Indeed, we witnessed this only three years ago before Christmas when residents experienced the devastation of flooding of their homes and businesses.

I have personally campaigned for this day to happen alongside Cllr Gwyn John and local residents in support not only of the people of Boverton, but also the community of Llanmaes, who were

## GUEST COLUMN



by **Jane Hutt**  
AM (Minister for Finance)

awarded funds for a flood protection scheme three years ago.

The Vale Council has also committed over £250,000 to these schemes which is a vital contribution to the partnership we have developed together for the benefit of the local community.

The Llanmaes scheme has been revised and upgraded to meet new needs and to take into account impacts on Boverton.

This week the Minister said that "... we have recently

and Llanmaes have also played a vital role in representing their communities and the Officers of the Vale Council and Natural Resources Wales have worked hard to develop, revise and promote projects for funding consideration.

With our Welsh Government Budget by 30 per cent over the past five years, it has been difficult to progress these schemes to their fruition but we have done it - and we have done it together.

These schemes are clear and important priorities for the people and businesses of Boverton, Llanmaes and the Vale.

Flood protection now extends across the Vale with the £2.9m Barry scheme and earlier projects we have funded to protect areas such as Llanblethian via the scheme in Cowbridge.

This week the Minister said that "... we have recently

witnessed the wettest December on record and flooding across Wales. This is why flood and coastal risk management remains a key priority."

The Welsh Government recognises the importance of flood protection and alleviation schemes like those in Boverton and Llanmaes and we have invested over £240m into flood risk management supported by a further £47 million from the European Union.

We are already planning ahead with local authorities committing a further £150million to coastal risk management from 2018.

This week we can celebrate the impact of people, communities, businesses working together to achieve this great and important result with the Welsh Government announcement of funding for Boverton and Llanmaes.

# The Welsh Government confirms that cash will go to Vale flood defence plan

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

**FLOOD defences that have been pencilled in for Boverton in Llantwit Major will be built in the next financial year (April 2016 to May 2017) - a Welsh Government Minister has announced.**

The Natural Resources Minister Carl Sargeant today announced that £1.96 million has been allocated for the next financial year in the Draft Budget 2016-17 to complete the long-awaited important flood defence scheme.

The scheme is in an area that has suffered frequent flooding in recent years. It will reduce risk to around 17 homes and businesses and also provide amenity improvements.

The scheme will be built alongside and complement an existing project nearby in Llanmaes reducing risk to the wider catchment.

Carl Sargeant said: "Minimising the effects of flooding and keeping our communities safe are key priorities for this Government.

"Sustained Welsh Government investment in flood defences, awareness raising as well as forecast and warning systems over the last few decades is having an impact in making communities more resilient to flooding."

Coun Gwyn John, the Leader of the Llantwit First Group on the Vale Council, said: "Having witnessed first-hand the devastating effect flooding has had on Boverton and Llanmaes in the past, I have long been determined to do all I can to make sure it can never happen again.

"The commitment of

over £250,000 from the Vale Council for this scheme is further evidence of the current administration's determination to tackle the risk of flooding across the Vale.

"While others may do a good job of talking about issues, this flood alleviation scheme and those already being delivered for Barry and Llanmaes, along with the enhanced scrutiny of proposed new developments now undertaken as part of the planning process, show clearly that it is the current administration of the Vale Council that is tackling them."

The Conservatives welcomed the news, with Vale MP Alun Cairns pointing out that he had highlighted the issue in his GEM column only last week.

He said: "I am delighted that this project will go ahead at long last. The community has waited too long, but that wait will soon be over."

The Leader of the

Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies AM, said that improving the flood defences at Boverton was part of Alun Cairns' plan for a better future for Llantwit Major, and that Vale Assembly candidate Ross England and Llantwit councillor Tony Bennett had worked with him.

The scheme will widen and straighten the culvert under Boverton Road, and widen the channel immediately downstream. Development of the scheme is being led by Vale Council, working with Natural Resources Wales.

The scheme is anticipated to take 6 months to construct. The works will include a major piling operation to construct new concrete walls under the road before a new reinforced-concrete slab is placed on top to carry the highway across the brook.

Channel widening and the realignment of the existing walls downstream will also be undertaken to further enhance the conveyance of flows away from Boverton.

## Porthcawl RFC survive second half fightback

**THE atrocious weather having played havoc with the South Road pitch, this match between Porthcawl RFC and Alltwn RFC was switched to a strangely windless Rest Bay.**

Porthcawl were seeking a double over the Swansea valley outfit, which had initially proved difficult to overcome in the away match before Porthcawl secured victory. The 17-15 scoreline in this match shows what a close match this turned out to be also.

The home side took the game by the scruff of the neck from the outset and within five minutes were 5-0 ahead as Richard Hnyda notched an early try.

With the pitch in good condition but likely to deteriorate quickly, Porthcawl took the opportunity to move the ball whenever possible, even though Alltwn provided stubborn resistance.

Indeed, it was with Alltwn pressing themselves that Porthcawl extended their lead as a dropped pass from the visitors, saw a swift move up the left-hand touchline, with the sublime Gareth Rees at centre, skipping into space and drawing the cover perfectly before laying on the scoring pass to full-back Joey Jones to cross and round behind the posts for a great try.

He also converted to make it 12-0 and Porthcawl looking comfortable, with James Burge-Davies a real workhorse at flanker.

penalty right on half-time, at 17-3 but it would take a mighty effort to turn the match around in the second half.

Yet, rugby is often a strange game when sides under pressure suddenly get into gear and the half-time pep talk by the Alltwn coach obviously paid dividends, as they emerged resurgent in deteriorating conditions.

With Porthcawl failing to capitalise on their first-half performance, the visitors took heart and following a series of scrums near the home line, the referee saw enough to award a penalty try, which was converted and at 17-10, it was game on again.

The match proceeded to become a ballet in the mud with both sides trying still to play rugby but with handling having become a lottery. That said, Porthcawl had their chances with possession aplenty, only for the final execution to scupper the opportunities.

With 10 minutes remaining, Porthcawl were awarded a penalty 15 metres out and bang in front of the sticks. A successful goal would have put them two scores in front but they opted to run the ball instead.

The move came to grief and this only spurred the visitors on, as they moved upfield with purpose, patiently working the touchline and resulting in a well-deserved wrestled try, right out on the touchline.

With barely two minutes of the match left, a successful conversion would have secured a dramatic draw; however it fell thankfully wide for Porthcawl, who kept Alltwn at bay to edge home.

A useful win for Porthcawl, if rather fraught in the final moments, and the visit to Tonmawr on Saturday presents an opportunity for another win on the road.

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## Trainer Debra's long trip to Towcester pays off hugely!

**DEBRA HAMER, wife of former leading point-to-point rider Paul Hamer, who hails from the Vale but who now trains in west Wales, made the 392-mile trip to Towcester last Thursday with her Billy Bronco and landed the closing National Hunt flat race with the five-year-old chestnut who was racing for the first time in public.**

A 20-1 outsider, Billy Bronco was prominent from the start and partnered by Trevor Whelan scored by two-and-a-quarter lengths from the strongly fancied Pride Of Legale.

Debra said: "He's such a honest horse he tries so hard and you couldn't ask for more than that. We knew he would like the heavy ground so we thought we would make the long journey."

Although the Hamers think a lot of the horse, he could be for sale if the price is right.

Half-an-hour or so

earlier, Bridgend's Rhys Flint had been in the same winner's enclosure after he had won the Novice Handicap Chase on the Alexandra Dunn-trained Black Narcissus, which romped home a 12 lengths winner from Bobbie Boru.

## DOUBLE FOR BRACE

**David Brace, of the Dunraven Stud in Pyle, landed a double at the North Cornwall Point-To-Point at Wadebridge on Sunday with Bob The Butcher in the restricted race and Doctor Braveheart in the men's open - both were ridden by Byron Moorcroft.**

Bob The Butcher led three fences out to beat Annwyl, ridden by Will Gordon, by half-a-length and Doctor Braveheart made all to beat solitary rival Big Fella Thanks, who finished fourth in the Aintree Grand National a few years ago, by one-and-a-half lengths.

BRIAN LEE

## The Men's Shed for veterans opens in Maesteg

**VETERANS in the Maesteg area are being given a place to meet, share banter, learn new skills and get involved with community projects.**

A new 'Men's Shed' is being set up in The Court House in Maesteg. Launched in Australia, there are now thousands of sheds all over the world, including several in Wales.

Local veteran, Major Wayne Morgan MBE, said: "The shed is a brilliant opportunity for veterans in the area to come and meet together. Often ex-Servicemen feel that there are few people they can truly share their experiences with, so we hope that the shed will provide an environment for this."

Men's Sheds Cymru describe the sheds as a place for men to think,

invent and make things and belong to a unique group with a sense of belonging. The men run the shed and work on projects and activities which interest them.

Judith Tomlinson, consultant in public health, said: "The sheds are based on the theory that men communicate better shoulder to shoulder. There are sheds all over Wales, but this is the first which specifically focuses on Veterans. It's a really exciting project and we are looking forward to the information evening."

There will be an information evening on January 26 at 6.30pm, when Mark Bond from Men's Shed Cymru will be at Maesteg Rugby Club promoting and explaining about the men's shed movement.

For more information, email [mensshedmaesteg@hotmail.com](mailto:mensshedmaesteg@hotmail.com).

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## Planners can't see the floods for the trees...

**W**HENEVER rainfall is exceptional, flooding must occur, but a hugely important factor in the severity of flooding, is the speed with which that rainfall travels down from the hills, to swell the rivers.

When grassy slopes become water-logged, 100 per cent of further rain travels down the slopes as a sheet of water, arriving at the rivers, very soon after it left the sky.

This is not the case where rain falls on wooded areas. The roots of all large plants such as trees, make the ground more porous to water, the flow of water over the ground is hindered, the transpiration of the trees suck up some proportion of the water. A much longer time elapses, between the rainfall, and the arrival of that water to the river.

In past times, the Welsh hills were covered with trees, which were sacrificed as pit-props to King Coal.

If we choose to plant trees of all types on the hills, starting right now, we could be harvesting a

valuable crop of different woods in 70 years, which had alleviated the flooding problem during that time, had also absorbed huge amounts of carbon dioxide, thus slowing climate change, and created a wonderful environment for human beings, and venison for the table.

Every day by which such a scheme is delayed, is a measure of our failure to understand the true and imaginative answers to Britain's problems.

We should tax citizens with too much money, in order to pay salaries to other citizens whom we employ to plant ten million trees, for the rich future of our nation.

Rather than purchase the necessary heavy equipment as a new capital cost, we could hire present agricultural equipment, and use it as a 24/7 asset, when freed from present usage, with illumination, 24 hours of every day, with shift working.

While citizens should have work with dignity, we should plan to work each expensive machine, such as a bulldozer, quite ruthlessly, giving return on investment, every single hour in which it is not being serviced.

It is the British perspective which is at fault. Money spent on insurance and repair to flooded property, is a necessary expense in our present situation, but is a negative waste of money, compared to spending money in order to minimise the problem.  
C N Westerman,  
Brynna.

### Flawed offer?

**W**HO would appoint an agent to represent him in a negotiation if the agent has let the other side know beforehand that he will accept whatever it offers – if anything?  
R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

## 'HOW RIVER COULD HELP TO BOOST TOWN TRADE'

**A**LTHOUGH a resident, I usually shop in one of the extensive facilities out of town, but I did make a short visit to Bridgend town centre via Angel Street.

I was impressed, as always, by the successful structure to holding the river in check in that region; not a very picturesque view, but entirely structurally well formed.

Then I went on into town to see its cleansed appearance, untroubled by any significant number of visitors.

It led me to wonder if it would be possible to take that part of the river I'd passed and extend the structure enclose it with a concrete roof that would serve as a car park.

It would give access to those streets of the town that are bereft of visitors at the moment. I was thinking of two free

hours parking for the sort of visitors we seek to encourage, coming in for a quick shopping expedition.

Of course, there would need to be a means of checking that at the time, restriction was followed and for that, I took the Recreation Centre car park as an example.

You pay your cash get a time ticket and a voucher; the ticket you leave in your car visible to an attendant, and the voucher you use to reclaim your payment at the reception desk.

As I see it an arrangement with, let's say WH Smith or Boots Pharmacy, you would allow you to claim back your parking payment which I would not set at more than £2 and the shops would accumulate their vouchers, to be reimbursed by the council.

What does the town get? More money spending visitors; the shop assisting in the process, would get increased 'footfall'

and the subtle stimulus for a potential customer to look around and perhaps buy something.

Transiently any purchase would seem to cost £2 less than the cost on the label when, in truth, it was money already spent.

Of course, there is the cost of the structure, which I anticipate (if it was done well with style) would be expensive, but we could pass it off as part of the flood defence system, the town might get part of it from the Government.

Anyway, it's just a way of stimulating more shoppers to use the town, even if they did their big shop elsewhere.

A weird idea, I agree, if it worked, other shops would be shouting to be in the repayment scheme.

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# The sights of 2015 are captured – from Cardiff to Bridgend, Porthcawl, Cowbridge and Barry

FROM Steve Strange's funeral in Porthcawl, to Mair's Walk, the Cowbridge Cancer Resarch UK run, the Vale Show and Lee Selby's triumphant return to Barry, and dozens of other events – photographer Glyn Evans was on hand to record moments of sadness, reflection, joy and enjoyment.

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THE GEM'S photographers have been criss-crossing south Wales in the last year, capturing hundreds of events, including returning Welsh heroes, fun on local beaches, wedding celebrations, Bonfire Night and rugby presentations.

Here are a selection by Andy Wicks.



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Helene and Rob Reynolds with their award.

## Stagecoach principals win national award

THE year 2015 ended well for local Stagecoach Theatre Arts school principals Helene and Rob Reynolds, as they were awarded a Stagecoach Franchisee of the Year.

The award was presented in recognition of their outstanding schools in Bridgend and the Vale.

Helene and Rob have owned and run Stagecoach Bridgend and Cowbridge for nearly eight years, and along with a team of specialist

drama, dance and singing teachers ensured they provide the best standard of performing arts education for the 300 local children who attend each week.

They said: "There are more than 600 franchised Stagecoach schools in the UK and abroad, and to receive the top award of 'Franchisee of the Year' is wonderful. We are delighted that our work and schools have been recognised in this way."

For more information about Stagecoach, contact Helene and Rob on 01446 772727, or visit [stagecoach.co.uk/bridge](http://stagecoach.co.uk/bridge) nd.

# 'Hospital emergency system is flawed', says a Tory AM

## Health board hits back over advice on attending A & E

A Conservative regional Assembly Member has launched an attack on the ABMU Health Board, describing news that it was asking patients to avoid its A & E departments as 'despicable' - but the board hotly denied the claim and told The GEM it was "signposting patients to appropriate care".

Dr Altaf Hussain AM said he was worried that advice by the board may act as a 'red light' that could deter people who were genuine emergency cases.

The Conservative, who represents south Wales west, said: "We cannot allow a situation where genuine emergency cases may be deterred from seeking help due to flaws in the way that the system is managed."

"The board are right to acknowledge that

some ailments are not best dealt with by a trip to A&E, but I am concerned that this statement might act as a 'red light' to many patients who simply want to do the right thing - and do indeed have a 'genuine' emergency.

"It should not be the job of the patient themselves to assess what is a 'genuine' emergency at all - that is the role of medical triage."

"Across all departments in the hospital, the resources are in fact already present to ensure that every accident or emergency case can be treated. It is, therefore, a question of deploying them correctly."

"There should be observation wards attached to A & E which would enable patients to be assessed and referred appropriately, without occupying cubicles intended for new cases. This would free up capacity in both A&E and other wards, allowing more patients to

be treated. A&E departments should not be the single gateway into all aspects of medical care - be this emergency, outpatient or out-of-hours - and the sooner the way our hospitals are run is changed to reflect this, the better."

"The present system encourages a pinch-point in this particular department, which has a knock-on effect throughout the system."

"This is a sad state of affairs - our patients and hard-working staff deserve better. Worse still is that it is completely predictable, as it happens every year."

"There are obvious areas that management needs to address, and it is despicable to suggest that

patients elsewhere is an appropriate way to deal with the issue at hand."

**'RESPONSIBLE'**  
The GEM approached the ABMU board for a response to Dr Hussain's comments and a spokeswoman explained:

"Frontline emergency department staff are working exceptionally hard under intense pressure."

"Alleviating some of that pressure by signposting patients to appropriate care is certainly not 'despicable' - it is the responsible thing to do for patients who are waiting for advice or treatment."

"Our message to patients is very clear -

please avoid our emergency departments, unless you have a serious illness or injury. This is the same recognised 'Choose Well' message which the NHS deploys across the UK. But at extremely busy times like this it is even more important to reiterate it."

"We are advising patients who do not have a serious condition to see their GP in the usual way or attend our minor injury units instead, and avoid our emergency departments."

"Community pharmacists can also be very helpful and provide a range of assistance. Sometimes urgent issues crop up out of hours and the GP Out of Hours service is available

during these periods. "Patients who turn up at emergency departments when they don't need to be there add to the workload of staff who must concentrate on treating very sick patients."

The spokeswoman pointed out that while emergency staff were dealing with increases of up to 25 per cent more emergency medical patients, they had also had to deal with cases which included a person with an infected fingernail - after biting their nails; a patient with intermittent nose bleed, which had actually stopped; and several people with ear-ache or toothache - none of which was an emergency case.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthowl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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## MIDWIFERY SERVICE HOPES TO DELIVER PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



ABOVE: Front (in grey) Suzanne Hardacre, head of midwifery and gynaecology nursing at University Hospital of Wales, with some of her team from midwifery services.

THE maternity services department at the University Hospital of Wales has been nominated for a prestigious Royal College of Midwives, Midwifery Service of the Year award.

It recognises excellence and innovation in the provision of maternity care and team working within the organisation and the service has demonstrated this, with midwives leading a 'Happy Birth' day project, and developing taster days for anyone interested in pursuing a career in maternity care.

Service users are actively encouraged to join the Maternity Liaison Support Committee and interact with the service using social and digital media.

Suzanne Hardacre, Head of Midwifery and Gynaecology Nursing at University Hospital of Wales said: "I'm absolutely delighted that the service has been nominated for this award. I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to our maternity staff for the amazing job they do."

The winner of Midwifery Service of the Year Award will be revealed at a ceremony on March 8 at The Brewery, London.

## Run London Marathon for the Tros Gynnal Plant children's charity

WOULD you like to run in the London Marathon to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people in Wales?

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Our vision for the future of Tros Gynnal



Andrew Davies who ran the London Marathon for Tros Gynnal Plant in 2005.

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## 'Pull together' for the Welsh steel industry

WELSH Conservative Regional AM for south Wales west, Dr Altaf Hussain, said this week that the Tata Steel plant in Port Talbot could become 'one of the most efficient in the world' and called for the UK and the Welsh Government to "pull together" to support the steel industry in Wales.

It follows comments by Labour MP Stephen Kinnock, that it is 'ten minutes to midnight' for the Tata plant, which is estimated to support 12,000 jobs in Wales across the supply chains.

Dr Hussain said: "The dumping of huge quantities of Chinese steel – made with little regard for the environment or workforce – on the UK market is a massive problem which will only get worse if China's economic woes continue."

THE Vale Council will work to secure the future of its country parks by exploring opportunities for opening the popular attractions up to a range of new leisure activities, as part of a plan being considered by the authority's cabinet.

The council, which manages Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in Penarth, Porthkerry Country Park in Barry, and a number of other countryside sites, is discussing proposals which set out how best to enhance what is currently on offer at these attractions and so enable them to generate much needed income.

Coun Lis Burnett,

cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Our country parks and countryside sites have long proved popular with local residents and pivotal in attracting tourists to the Vale.

"If their appeal is to continue to grow, and they are to be sustainable in the current financial climate, then they must adapt to attract new visitors and enhance the experiences of existing users.

"We have already restructured the staffing and management arrangements of our countryside service to ensure that costs are as low as possible. The next stage is to investigate how we can generate yet more income.

"Broadening the appeal of our countryside attractions will, we

firmly believe, not only protect them for the future, but also be the next step in establishing the Vale of Glamorgan as the premier tourist destination in south Wales.

"This is something that could bring huge benefits for the local economy and an opportunity that all involved are excited to explore."

The authority plans to invite tenders to develop tourism and commercial opportunities at both of its country parks and the Cosmeston Medieval Village.

"It is anticipated that this could see the sites soon offering a range of outdoor pursuits, tourism events, weddings, and fayres and water-based leisure activities."

Coun Burnett added.

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**JO WHITFIELD,**  
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## GYMNAST MARTIN ENLISTS AT GVS

**WORLD champion gymnast Martin Vick has recently joined Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).**

He is part of the Hi-Jinx theatre company, and as a gymnast has travelled to the USA to represent the UK, winning three gold and four silver medals in the World Championships.

He currently volunteers with the Vale of Glamorgan Gymnastics Club, helping to train young gymnasts. Even so, Martin wanted to do something "different".

He explained: "I do stapling, shredding, labelling, filing, laminating

and other admin duties that are required. It's been a dream to work in GVS and I'm learning a lot. I shared Christmas celebrations with the GVS team and it was lovely. I've got to know the people in the organisation better.

"I think GVS does great work and if you're thinking of volunteering, it's a good idea as it gives you new skills and you meet new people".

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**Martin Vick  
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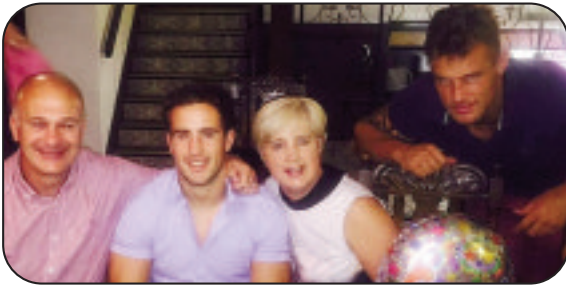
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# Mum's pride as the Morgan boys hit the headlines – on and off the rugby field!



Elaine, her husband Phil, Matthew and Tom.

**PROUD** mum Elaine Morgan, who works at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, is still reeling after a remarkable week which saw her family grabbing newspaper headlines – on the front and back pages!

As mother of Wales' rugby star Matthew, the office manager at the surgical materials testing laboratory, is used to her son getting media attention – but now his elder brother has joined him in the spotlight.

Tom has become a social media sensation since his appearance on Channel 4 show The

Undateables last week. It led to a follow-up appearance on ITV's Loose Women, as well as in stories across national media about the 26-year-old who has Tourettes, Aspergers, ADHD and dyspraxia.

"It has been a surreal week to say the least," said Elaine. It also saw Bristol RFC fly-half Matthew signing a new deal with Cardiff Blues, which will bring him back to play in Wales next season.

Since Tom appeared on the C4 show which follows people with disabilities trying to find love, he has seen his profile rocket – and more importantly for the family – he has succeeded in his ambition of raising awareness for his

condition. "We have just been overwhelmed with all the support we have had. We had no idea that it would cause this much attention."

"When my husband Phil and I went to buy the Sunday papers, there's us looking out from the front page!"

During his appearance on Friday's Loose Women, presenter Andrea McLean described the semi-professional rugby league player as the TV dreamboat who captured the heart of the nation, and his Twitter followers have rocketed from 700 to 23,000 virtually overnight.

But to Elaine, he is just Tom – the son she has seen battle his conditions since his

diagnosis when he was 15.

"He has handled all this attention better than Phil and I, to be honest. Tom says going on the programme has been like a weight lifted off his shoulders. It has given him so much confidence and I can see what a difference it has made to him already."

Tom, who lives with his mum and dad, agreed to do the programme as a way of highlighting the difficulties someone like him faces when dealing with emotions and relationships – and he has done such a good job she now hopes he

will be able to become champion for fellow sufferers and fulfil his dream of setting up his own charity.

"We feel he has got a real role that he could play in helping others. When he was little, he had his habits and I was told he was a naughty child, but I always knew he wasn't, so when we eventually had the diagnosis, it was a huge relief."

"We have been on a very big learning curve as a family since then, and now we have been contacted by so many other people who have gone through the same

thing. They have told us that they have found Tom a real inspiration."

What has always helped him, she says, is his dedication to sport and fitness.

Tom, who currently plays for South Wales Scorpions, describes it as his medicine and says being part of a rugby team has given him a positive outlet.

It is a passion he shares with brother Matthew, who played for Wales in the Rugby World Cup. Elaine and Phil have travelled the length and breadth of the UK cheering on both boys and have been as



Elaine Morgan with her son Tom and Loose Women panellists Linda Robson, Nadia Sawalha, Jane Moore and Andrea McLean.



Tom (left) with his brother Matthew.

far afield as Europe and South Africa to support Matt when on regional and international duties.

"I have very supportive colleagues and some have even

come to watch the boys play on several occasions. Matthew and Tom have always been very close and I have to say I am very proud of both my boys," Elaine added.

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## NEWS UPDATE FROM THE FONMON APIARY...

# A topsy turvy year puts everything up in the air!

**WELL, a change in the temperatures has now reduced the amount of external activity at all of the apiaries.**

It is very noticeable that the bees have not been at all dormant over what should be classed as their winter settled period.

The use of my debris-collecting trays has been extended because of the extended period of activity.

All hives have a fine mesh floor and each floor can accommodate a tray that will collect the debris from the daily activity of the colony.

What is this debris? It is made up of bee parts i.e. legs, wings, pollen,

wax flakes and, of course, Varroa mites.

Not all colonies have trays in them: I select different hives over the months and leave the trays in place for different lengths of time, such as a week or maybe three weeks.

When I withdraw a tray, it will sometimes show neat rows of wax cappings; these rows, by their position in the tray, reveal where the bees are in the hive (the front or the back).

They have, of course, removed the coating of wax that they used to seal a cell containing honey.

This first look gives the beekeeper some idea of in-house bee activity.

My next step is to

empty the contents of each tray into a labelled jar (i.e. date and hive number) and take it home so that I can examine it in greater detail.

Once at home, the contents of each jar are deposited a little at a time into a white enamelled metal pie-dish, then using a 5" laboratory magnifier with a built-in light I can see exactly what the debris is really made up of.

It does, of course, contain Varroa mites and this is my main reason for inserting trays under hives. In the main, the mites are usually dead, but some live ones are observed from time to time. The counting of

the mites is undertaken and it gives me a good idea about the size of the infestation of each colony.

There is no requirement under law to count mite numbers, but without doing so, no beekeeper can be sure of the extent of an infestation.

Due to the very mild conditions, life in the bee colony has continued apace! The Queens have been laying on a regular basis, when to all intents and purposes this activity should have ceased.

The Varroa population has also expanded, along with the bees. Last August, a Varroa control treatment was applied but due to spring-like weather, instead of winter weather, there has not been any halt to the breeding cycle of the bees or the mites.

I am finding the

bodies of dead mites in all stages of development. This year has given the beekeeper a lot to think about, nothing has followed the usual pattern of events.

Swarming has been very prevalent, honey crop has been reduced and in some cases non-existent and as to the weather, variety is the best description here!

All colonies have had supplementary feeding due to their constant activity.

*What will spring throw up? When I do get to inspect the interiors of each hive what will I find? Who knows?*

*Like the bees, the beekeeper has to adjust to the changing conditions, and one thing is sure, if these conditions are to become the norm, many of the beekeeping books will require revising.*

**HAROLD WILLIAMS**

## New post at Ty Hafan will be a joint effort with local health board



Jeremy Jackson (left) and Mark Drakeford with young Riley Davies at Ty Hafan.

**THE Tŷ Hafan children's hospice at Sully and Cardiff & Vale University Health Board are cooperating to extend paediatric care in Wales.**

Recently the Minister for Health and Social Services launched the Tŷ Hafan-commissioned report into the future needs for paediatric palliative care in Wales.

As a result of this report, an all-Wales consultant in transitional and paediatric palliative medicine will be recruited in January 2016, jointly employed by the NHS and Tŷ Hafan. By cooperating with the NHS, Tŷ Hafan has made possible the recruitment on a full-time basis and, in turn, fulfilled three of the seven recommendations made by Professor Marcus Longley in the report of the Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care in September.

The role will be based at Tŷ Hafan and will strengthen the existing 24/7 telephone service to support professionals caring for life-limited children and young adults in Wales for the first time.

The Palliative Care For Children And Young People In Wales: Meeting Future Needs report, published by the University of South Wales' Welsh

Institute for Health and Social Care and commissioned by Tŷ Hafan, highlighted how services required for children with life-limiting conditions differ considerably from adult palliative care and made seven recommendations.

Mark Drakeford, Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Services, said: "I welcome this newly extended role which provides the opportunity to build on extremely important work previously led by Dr Victoria Lidstone."

The consultant will hold a substantive contract with the NHS through Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and an honorary contract with Tŷ Hafan, with 60 per cent funding from the health board and 40 per cent funding from the charity.

Tŷ Hafan deputy chief executive officer Jeremy Jackson said: "At the time we launched the report, I claimed that it would herald a new period of engagement between the NHS and Tŷ Hafan – and so it has proved."

"We're delighted to join forces with the University Health Board to integrate our services and in doing so, improve the experience of families facing unimaginable circumstances."

"I welcome the addition of the consultant to our dedicated care team."

## Roller skating for beginners

**DUE to the growing popularity of roller skating in south Wales, Cardiff City Rollers ARSC are starting a beginners' group each Tuesday at the Penarth leisure centre from 7-9pm.**

Skating used to be popular at the centre in the 1980s and early '90s, and it's where head coach Tara Ivins trained as a child, representing the Vale and competing nationally.

These sessions will prepare skaters who wish to continue into a roller sport

or simply for those who want to take part in an all-year-round sport.

As skaters progress, they will be given the chance to train and become a member of the artistic dance squad, which competes in club events all over Britain.

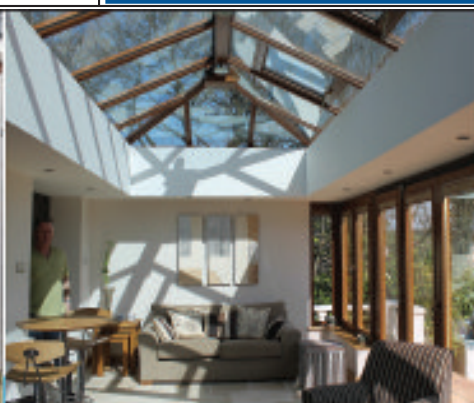
The club is suitable for all ages and abilities with skate hire available from toddlers size 6 to adults size 12.

Skating is a fantastic family activity for fitness and wellbeing.

For further information, contact [cardiffcityrollers@outlook.com](mailto:cardiffcityrollers@outlook.com). **TI**

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## Put business on the spot

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## Get behind the daffodil

**O**UR representatives must get ahead of decisions versus reacting: MP Alun Cairns is outraged Barclays is closing a local branch – he's outraged at Vale flood defences.

Yet his Government dropped the ball across the UK. Labour are good at outrage... once the horse has left the barn (Sony).

The time for action is before

impactful decisions are taken.

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headed for about 24,000 miles... or turnaround there. Ayuh."

We need businesses making money and we need them to be part of the community. They drive their goods on our roads, hire workers from our schools and rely on police and fire protection.

Would either Government support this? Not likely. They need those bank campaign contributions.

**Denis G Campbell,**  
Liberal Democrat Welsh  
Assembly candidate for  
the Vale of Glamorgan.

**I**AM appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal in February and March, to help people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones in south-west Wales.

We're asking readers to 'get behind the daffodil' by giving a couple of hours of

their time to volunteer for the appeal.

All they need to do is encourage people to give a donation in return for a daffodil pin.

Volunteering for the Great Daffodil Appeal – now in its 30th year – will help Marie Curie nurses provide care and support for people living with a terminal illness in their own homes or at the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth, so they can spend

more time with the people they love.

If you're able to volunteer some time to help then please phone me on 01554 759 071, email me at westwalesfundraising@mariecurie.org.uk or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

**Hannah Leckie,**  
Community Fundraiser,  
Marie Curie south west Wales fundraising office.

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## Tarantino's Hateful Eight is all kinds of great!

**W**HEN Quentin Tarantino announced in 2014 his next film was to be a Western entitled *The Hateful Eight*, fans were eagerly awaiting what the writer/director had come up with this time.

When the script was leaked, however, Tarantino declared that he was done with it and wouldn't be making it.

A script read-through in April of 2014 seemed to thaw Tarantino's stance however, and it proved to be second time the charm as *The Hateful Eight* hits cinema screens.

Set in the aftermath of the civil war, bounty hunter John Ruth (Kurt Russell) and his prisoner Daisy (Jennifer Jason Leigh) encounter another bounty hunter, Major Marquis Warren (Samuel L Jackson) and Chris Mannix (Walton Goggins).

With a blizzard coming in, the group shelter at a nearby stopover where they meet another four strangers – Bob (Demian Bichir), Oswaldo (Tim Roth), General Smithers (Bruce Dern) and Joe Gage (Michael Madsen); however, events soon unfold that sees the lives of these people in the balance...

*The Hateful Eight* is Quentin Tarantino's eighth film as writer/director, and by now you have a pretty good idea of what you're going to get with a Tarantino effort – sumptuous dialogue,

a keen eye for detail, knowing nods and winks to genre cinema and some excellent performances.

Tarantino's work can be divisive, with critics labelling him self-indulgent, and *The Hateful Eight* isn't a film that will convert those who are not fans of his oeuvre; however, if you have a love of his body of work thus far, then you'll find this film a delightfully satisfying viewing experience.

Its 187-minute running time suggests a film that is languidly paced, and the opening which sees four of the characters journeying to the stopover is the weakest part of the film. The film is split into six chapters, this opening taking up two of them, and while there's plenty of pleasure to be mined in watching actors of the pedigree of Kurt Russell, Samuel L Jackson, Walton Goggins and Jennifer Jason Leigh wrapping their gums around Tarantino's dialogue, it feels stretched out and a little too thin.

If this opening satisfies the naysayers who claim self-indulgence in Tarantino's work, then the gears shift up a notch once all the characters (our *Hateful Eight* plus the odd hanger-on) find themselves in situ in the wonderfully-monikered Minnie's Haberdashery; here is where we really get into the story.

As the narrative unfolds, and characters play off against each other as the levels of mistrust mount up, Tarantino ratchets up



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the tension, creating a claustrophobic story as events play out wholly in the haberdashery. It's Tarantino's first really self-referential film, this set-up echoing *Reservoir Dogs*, while there are other little easter eggs and nods that are worth looking for.

Some characters connect more than others; Michael Madsen's Joe Gage doesn't hit home at all, not helped by the actor delivering a particularly poor performance, but the remainder of the cast are excellent, many schooled in the ways of the director and more than at home with his dialogue.

Samuel L Jackson has rarely been as charged and vital as he is here (the recounting of a particular story that relates to another character is jaw-dropping in its execution), Kurt Russell has great delight in playing the stoic lawman, while

Tim Roth relishes in his English gent character.

But the newcomers are equally as impressive – the always-watchable Walton Goggins makes the biggest journey in character terms and delivers a superb performance, Bruce Dern is quietly impressive as is Demian Bichir, while Jennifer Jason Leigh's turn builds in depth as the story progresses.

It's true ensemble filmmaking, and Madsen aside, the performances, enriched by Tarantino's way with a pen, are indelible, wonderfully performed and hugely watchable.

It builds and goes to places that surprise, but this is Tarantino making a traditional western; the pop culture nods are very much in the foreground, with the emphasis squarely on the tropes of the genre, something that lends the film an air of authenticity.

It's also pretty hilarious at times, running gags like the inability to shut the haberdashery's door

working well and helping to defuse the tension before it gets slowly ramped up again; with such a lengthy running time there is some flab, but the way that the narrative ebbs and flows is hugely impressive.

Wholly satisfying, if a touch indulgent, *The Hateful Eight* is a tremendous film that you can savour and delight in; Tarantino at his near-best, it won't change the minds of critics but fans will enjoy it immensely.

### VERDICT:

Anything but hateful, Quentin Tarantino's eighth film is slightly long-winded but there's much to savour.

Dialogue-heavy (but with dialogue!), *The Hateful Eight* won't disappoint his converts, though it may prove to be too dense to convince naysayers. Dripping with excellent performances and visually outstanding, there is plenty to enjoy here. *Highly recommended.*

### SEE THIS IF YOU

**LIKED:** *Django Unchained* (2013), *Reservoir Dogs* (1992).

## Volunteers are needed at Oxfam Penarth

**IF your New Year's resolution is to find a new voluntary activity, then volunteering in the Oxfam shop in Penarth may be just what you are looking for!**

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"They will need to be able to volunteer for at least a half day a week and be willing to be trained by myself or one of the volunteers.

"No experience is necessary, but an interest and knowledge in the area for which a person is volunteering, would be particularly helpful."

To find out more, contact Jayne Luxton on 02920 706358, or call in at the Oxfam Penarth Shop, 8/8a Windsor Street, Penarth CF64 1JH.

## Glaucoma support meeting

**THE Princess of Wales Hospital's next glaucoma patient support meeting will be held in the Eye Unit, Princess of Wales Hospital, Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1RQ this Friday (January 15) at 1.30pm.**

The speakers are Mr Rajkumar, consultant ophthalmologist POW, and Mr Eryl Williams of the International Glaucoma Association.

Enquiries to Maureen Griffiths on 07884 310992.

## Ward councillors' surgery

**THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan will be holding their regular advice surgery on Saturday, January 16, from 10am - 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, King Square.**

No appointment necessary.

## Age Connects advice sessions

**AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding three advice sessions on Tuesday, January 19 from 10am to 12 noon at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.**

If you are over 50 and worried about a legal issue, other than criminal law, just go along.

There is also a support session, at the same time and place, in conjunction with Action on Hearing Cardiff and Vale, for those who may be partially deaf, and their carers.

You can also find out if you are eligible for free energy and home improvements grants through the Welsh Government's NEST Programme.

No appointment is necessary for any of the free sessions.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

## National Trust meetings

**THE 2016 meetings for members and volunteers in the Vale begin next Wednesday, January 20 at 7.30pm at The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Sally**

Mabey will talk about the Bayeux Tapestry.

New members are always welcome. Come and join us; contact Jeanne Harvey, programme secretary on 01446 792753 for further information.

**Art in Cowbridge** ON Thursday, January 21, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Pontypridd artist Alison Fennell, an experienced teacher, who will give a demonstration of painting an animal in watercolour (this a change to the original programme).

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm – 9pm and visitors and new members are welcome; no particular artistic ability is required, and many members attend only the demonstrations and illustrated lectures.

For full details of the society's activities, see [www.cowbridgeartsociety.y.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.y.com).

## Free food hygiene course

**The Vale Council-led Barry Communities First is running a free food hygiene course for Communities First residents living in Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown, on Thursday, January 21 (9.30am-4pm) at Barry Job Centre, Holton Road.**

For more information, or to book a place on this course, contact 01446 709432, email [communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) or visit [www.BarryCommunities](http://www.BarryCommunities)

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## Mayor's coffee morning

**THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be hosting a coffee morning on Thursday, January 21 at Tŷ Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HP from 10am to 12pm in aid of Tŷ Hapus and MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.**

For more information, contact 01446 704921 or e-mail [julieuhard@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:julieuhard@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk).

## Murder at the New Theatre! THE Classic Thriller Theatre Company presents Rehearsal for Murder, from February 2-6 at the New Theatre, Cardiff.

The cast includes Robert Daws and his wife Amy Robbins, Susan Penhaligon, Ben Nealon, Steven Pinder and Lucy Dixon.

For further details, or to book tickets, visit [www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk](http://www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk) or call the box office on (029) 2087 8889.

## Youth talent

**THE Llantwit Major mayor is organising a music concert to celebrate youth talent in Llantwit and the rest of the Vale of Glamorgan, in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on February 6 from 7pm.**

All proceeds from the event are to be split between the mayor's chosen charities – Samaritans and Mind.

Tickets are £5 each and are available from the Llantwit Major Town Hall office.

## Meet the specialists

**NUFFIELD Health Cardiff and Vale Hospitals provide treatment and aftercare for a wide range of health issues to private pay patients.**

In March, they are holding two open events where people can meet consultants in a free mini-consultation.

Let's talk hips and knees, at the Joint Replacement Centre Wales, on Wednesday, March 9 from 6.30pm – 8pm with Mr Phil Thomas, consultant hip surgeon and Mr Amit Chandratraya, consultant orthopaedic surgeon.

Foot or ankle problem?

On Thursday, March 10 from 6.30pm – 8pm meet Mr Rhys Thomas and Mr Paul Hodgson, consultant foot and ankle surgeons.

Both open events will take place at the Vale Hospital, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol, Vale of Glamorgan. Parking is free, refreshments are provided and a hospital tour will be arranged for you.

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[www.cowbridgeartsociety.com](http://www.cowbridgeartsociety.com).

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# NEW YEAR... BUT IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY FOR BARRY CHESS CLUB'S TEAMS!

**THE new year has only just begun but already all four of the Barry Chess Club teams have been in action. We could only muster one win and one draw from these games.**

The Bosons made the short journey to Cardiff to take on the Monarchs team. They returned home with a 3-2 victory. This was exactly the same score that they achieved in the first match of the new season.

This victory puts the Bosons into third place, but there is a big gap between them and the title-contesting Cardiff Castles and Caerphilly Kings.

Also in division one the Camelots did the

Castles a favour by holding the Kings to a draw, thanks to Peter Watkins winning on board five.

Excellent result though this is it doesn't really alter the league table, with the Camelots still in the bottom three some eight points from safety with only eight games left to play.

In division four, the Gambits travelled to Pontypridd to take on the imaginatively named Pontypridd Thirds.

The Pontypridd side have been underachievers in this division since their inception last year.

They have the quality to be challenging for promotion but seem unable to produce the consistent form required.

However, they must like playing the

Gambits, as for the second time this season they defeated us by 4-1. Ken Curry being the only winner for the Barry side.

The Gambits are marooned in eighth place and are unlikely to move up or down in the table.

Late news saw the Quarks travel to play the Penarth Piers. The Penarth side have an

outside chance of promotion whereas our aim, (or is it just hope?) is to avoid relegation.

The high point of the evening was when the Penarth club steward put his head around the door to enquire if anyone had a blue car, as one of the patrons of the club had forgotten to put the handbrake on.

One by one the games ended with

victory for the Piers. John Stephenson appeared to have a draw but Tony Gutteridge found his way through John's defences.

Our blushes were saved when Dave Mahoney gratefully and quickly accepted Maurice Barnett's offer of a draw.

The Quarks remain outside the bottom three but must do better if we

are to stave off the fear of relegation.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very

welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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**A**LTHOUGH we are in January and people may be planning to get married in the spring or summer (for obvious reasons) now is the time to start doing your research and planning.

Whether you fancy a quiet family get-together with the minimum of fuss and less cost or a spectacular affair that aims to make a real statement – it is essential to get ahead of the game.

The last thing a couple need is a last-minute rush.

The most important thing to decide is where you will get married.

Many people still like the tradition of a church ceremony emphasising Christian themes. If so, it is advisable to approach the local vicar or pastor to discuss what sorts of dates are available.

Others, want a setting where wedding vows and the reception can be combined – and you can find the authorised venues by contacting the Register Office at the Civic Offices on Holton Road Barry; in Bridgend county borough, that means the Civic Offices in Angel Street.

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# Don't rely on family or friends for the best wedding day snaps – call in the professionals!

**Y**OUR wedding day is one of the most momentous days in a person's life – and it is advisable to get a professional photographer who will capture all the magic of the day. Don't be tempted to rely on a friend for images that will

adorn your mantelpiece or Welsh dresser for decades to come. Friends and family are able to take snaps of the day and with the good digital equipment available nowadays, they will come up with some memorable moments. But at a wedding, there are special moments that need

the knowledge and eye of a true professional. The professional photographer has the ability to get into the correct position to take a picture without being intrusive. He or she is dedicated to recording the day – and, unlike relatives or friends with cameras, won't get distracted by extraneous issues. Set up a meeting with your photographer well before the wedding so you can have an in-depth discussion about exactly what you want. There's no point in complaining at a later date that a certain person or moment was missed if you didn't provide

proper instructions. Normally, there will be different packages available, depending on your budget and requirements. You may want Mums and Dads or grandparents to have a few photographs on top of the album you've ordered. For example, you may want pictures of particular groups. It is a good idea to get the best man to help the photographer in rounding up people required for the key photographs. It's not easy for a photographer who may not know anyone present, to appreciate all the 'musts' for a particular picture. What is the best location to take photographs? Most

people don't just want indoor shots, they want some in the glorious outdoors, with a nice setting. Don't forget, some of the best images at weddings are at the reception when people are relaxed, so it is a good idea to give the photographer the green light to politely take images of people as they enjoy their meal.

## Planning your big day...

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22) And for the bridegroom, the best man, and other close male members of the family, there is the option of wedding suit hire.

One of the most important moments in any wedding ceremony is the symbolic exchanging of rings. A trip to the local jeweller will provide you with a great range of rings.

Make sure you book a photographer well in advance. Ask to see some examples of his or her work, and decide a price in advance to avoid any future disputes.

Here at The GEM, many of our contributing photographers do weddings, and one issue that occurs surprisingly often is a simple one: Does the venue have a suitable backdrop for photos of the happy couple and guests?

It's all very well to choose your favourite pub for the occasion, but it spoils the moment if the bride and groom have to trek half a mile for somewhere scenic.

Again, if the weather lets you down and it's blowing a gale, is there a plan B – perhaps somewhere sheltered that still provides an attractive setting?

The perfect wedding is not so much about the grand design, it's about spotting those unexpected pitfalls and dealing with them in advance.

A final tip. Send out your wedding invitations well advance and set an RSVP date, so you can plan for the numbers well in advance!

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# Church hall 'lifeline' for dementia support...



ABOVE:  
Kath Hext and Sue Owen.

**WHEN Vicar Viv Parkinson reopened his refurbished church hall in Llantrisant just over a year ago, he little knew that within a few months, it would prove to be a lifeline as a meeting place for a new support group set up for dementia sufferers and their carers.**

He had intended that the hall with its modern new kitchen and toilets be used by local people who had helped to raise £150,000 for the makeover.

Now, in addition to regular use by community groups such as Brownies and various craft groups, the hall is home to a fortnightly meeting of the Llantrisant Parish Support Group – a new group set up nine months ago for those living with dementia and their carers.

"It is the best thing that I have ever done in my ministry," said Rev Parkinson, who has been a priest for 20 years.

The group runs on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 11am to 2.30pm – offering a range of activities such as puzzles, colouring, crafts and games. Singing sessions are often held and visiting speakers attend to give talks.

Sue Owen (67), from Talbot Green, who has Alzheimer's, and attends the support group twice a month, said: "This

group is great as it offers me the opportunity to get out and socialise with other people. At home, I am by myself and even though I like to get out, I do not go out with my other friends now, as I do not feel comfortable – I get mixed up and I tire very easily.

"This group makes a huge difference to my life as it gives me something to look forward to."

Maria Warhurst, who attends the group with her husband, said, "This group gives us a break as we meet up with other people who are going through the same thing – I can chat to other wives who are also caring for their husbands."

Kath Hext, who also attends the group with her husband, said that she was not able to go out with him that much any more, other than shopping once or twice a week.

"I really look forward to Wednesdays – it's great to have somewhere to go, and have some friends to chat to when I get here. This group is marvellous – I wouldn't be without it now."

Another carer, Wendy Field, attends the group with her mother-in-law Joyce Field (91).

"Mum lives with us and I am her carer so this group offers us a chance to get out of the house, have a change of scene and meet up with other people," she said.

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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2015/01457/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Front, side and rear dormer extensions together with rooflights  
Location:/Lleoliad: Monkton House, Holmesdale Place, Penarth  
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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2015/01482/OUT  
Proposal/Cynnig: 2 detached 4-bedroom open-market houses and 2 detached and semi-detached 2 and 3-bedroom local needs houses  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to Brook Farm, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major  
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Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanmaes

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Rhif y cais: 2015/01486/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: 2-storey side extension to provide new double garage, cloak room and gym on ground floor and new play room, home office and bathroom on first floor  
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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2015/01503/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Two and single storey extension  
Location:/Lleoliad: 4, Victoria Avenue, Penarth  
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### Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2015/01456/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Vary conditions 21 and 22 of approved application 2015/00095/FUL to remove reference to Plot 14 regarding the rear elevation rooflight windows  
Location:/Lleoliad: Ardwyn, Pen y Turpike Road, Dinas Powys

Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2015/01458/RES  
Proposal/Cynnig: Reserved matters application for residential development  
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Barry Waterfront, South Quay Parkside, Barry

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### Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

## NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront, South Quay Parkside, Barry.

I give notice that Persimmon Homes (East Wales) is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Reserved matters application for residential development.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF72 8YP so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:  
• The application.

- The plans.
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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 4 February, 2016.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 4 February 2016 quoting reference 2015/01458/RES.

## HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Barry Waterfront, South Quay Parkside, Barry

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Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 4 February 2016 am ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/01458/RES.

## NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Site known as AF2, Barry Waterfront, Barry.

I give notice that BDW Trading Ltd. is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Development of site known as AF2 for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff CF10 2HE so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 4 February, 2016.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 4 February 2016 quoting reference 2015/01481/RES.

## HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Site known as AF2, Barry Waterfront, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn BDW Trading Ltd. n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Development of site known as AF2 for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape

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Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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Dated / Dyddiedig 14 January, 2016

V. L. Robinson  
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

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## Evan comes close to landing Welsh National winner

**LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams came his closest yet to saddling a Coral Welsh Grand National winner when his nine-year-old bay gelding Firebird Flyer, partnered by Adam Wedge, ran on strongly in the closing stages of this three-miles, five furlongs and 110 yards marathon to finish a good runner-up to the Carol Lee trained 2013 winner Mountainous at rainsoaked Chepstow last Saturday.**

At the finish, Firebird Flyer was beaten by two-and-three quarter lengths and Evan said: "He has run an absolute blinder but once again bumped into a good one." Before the race, I had reminded Evan that the last Welsh winner had been ridden by his late father Rhys in point-to-point.

Firebird Flyer, who was running in Evan's

own black and white colours, picked up £21,468 for finishing second while the winner, who was ridden by Jamie Moore, collected £52,296.

When Mountainous won the first time he was ridden by Evan's stable jockey Paul Moloney who unfortunately is sidelined owing to injury.

In 2011, Evan saddled the third horse Cappa Bleu and in 2013 he trained the fourth horse One In A Million and surely it is just a question of time before this former leading amateur rider brings the Welsh Grand National prize home to Wales.

However, it must be said that the winner, who is trained by rookie trainer Kerry Lee, who has only recently taken over the reins from her father Richard, is trained just a couple of miles from the Welsh border.

In fact her Herefordshire yard actually has a Welsh postcode! Kerry, who was full of praise for Chepstow for putting on the race after it was postponed owing to a waterlogged course at Christmas time, told the

press: "I'm absolutely dumbstruck. It's amazing, what a horse! Jamie's given him a brilliant ride and I'm absolutely delighted."

One former rider I had the pleasure of chatting to at Chepstow was Worcestershire's Mrs Pat Tollitt who rode the first of her 171 point-to-point winners at the age of 16.

Mrs Tollitt won the ladies' point-to-point championship on a number of occasions and I reminded her of the time I saw her ride a good horse of hers called Mr Teddy at Penllyn, Cowbridge, in the early 1960s.

When she was riding, she could only ride in races confined to women riders which makes her grand total of wins more impressive. She rode in point-to-points for 25 years and was the first of her sex to ride 100 winners.

She told me about the time she bought a horse called Ernie The Milk from the late Mrs Rose Harry of Dinas Powys. I remember Rose telling me that she had named the horse after the song which used to be sung by Benny Hill.

The Vale's Marion Thomas is one of the few riders who can claim to have beaten Mr Teddy and Mrs Tollitt and this was when riding Red Rover 11 - she beat them by a length in the ladies' open race at the North Warwickshire in the 1960s.

**BRIAN LEE**

## NEW CAPTAIN AT ST ATHAN GOLF CLUB!



**THE relentless rainfall over the last few weeks prevented the golfers at St Athan Golf Club from playing in their Pee Wee trophy competition; a competition which traditionally follows the inauguration of the 2016 club captain.**



Even though the course was closed certain formalities still had to be maintained; Taff Edwards as outgoing captain had to relinquish his jacket and tie to Craig Sherman before Craig could proceed to the tee to carry out his first drive as club captain.

Speeches and presentations took place in the warmth of the clubhouse before the members 'donned' their waterproofs and proceeded to the first tee. Unfortunately the members could not venture onto the sodden fairway to place markers predicting where the captain's ball would come to settle but they welcomed the decision that the winner would be decided by the draw of a ticket.

Craig was not fazed by the crowd of spectators - as 2015 club champion he was quietly confident that he could strike a good ball and he impressed his fellow members as he 'boomed' his ball down the centre of the fairway. The combination of the speed the ball travelled and the wet, soft ground ensured the ball would take some locating and Owen Davies was delighted a ticket system was used to determine the spot as he collected his prize.

Anticipating the weather would be unkind, Craig was aware that he had to provide a solution to produce a winning team for the Pee Wee trophy; the trophy lends its name from the chamber-pot laden with alcohol and passed

around the victors in the captain v vice-captain 4BBB competition.

Between Craig and his wife, Rachael, they composed a quiz and split the teams, half playing for the captain and the others would play for the vice-captain Gary Bohun, with a cash prize being awarded to the individual winning team.

Roger Davidge, Steve Higgins, Ben Briggs and Hugh Williams scooped the cash, however it was a jubilant Gary who started the journey of the main pot!

As is tradition, more than courtesy, the winners did allow the losing team to assist with emptying the contents of the Pee Wee pot.

The outgoing captain, Taff Edwards, and the members at St Athan Golf Club wish Craig a happy and prosperous year as club captain and they extend their best wishes to all fellow golfers.

St Athan Golf Club is a members club which caters for green fee players and particularly welcomes new social and playing members. Please feel free to visit or phone 01446 751043 for further information.

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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (UN-NAMED LANE BETWEEN CAERAU LANE AND ALPS DEPOT ROAD, WENVOE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, proposes in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 92 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below

2. Full details of the proposals, to include a copy of the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons and drawing (T/15/127) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment and Housing (Ref: IF799) in writing by 5th February 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed order open to public inspection.

#### SCHEDULE

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed along the un-named lane from a point approximately 27 metres North of its junction with Alps Quarry Road Wenvoe for a distance of approximately 275 metres in a generally North West direction to its junction with Caerau Lane.

Dated this 14th day of January 2016

M. E. Punter  
 Director of Environment & Housing  
 Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
 The Alps Depot, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

### GORCHYMYN (GWAHARDD GYRRU) (LÔN DDLENW RHWNG LÔN CAERAU AC ALPS DEPOT ROAD, GWENFÔ) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2016

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn, y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adranau 1 a 92 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 (ddiwygiedig), yn gwneud Gorchymyn y mae ei effaith gyffredinol wedi'i disgrifio yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys copi o'r Gorchymyn, Datganiad o Resymau a llun (T/15/127) drwy fynd i'r cyfeiriad a nodwyd, yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF799) erbyn 5 Chwefror 2016 gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

3. Dylai pawb sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn a gynigiwyd ddeall bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawli i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob ymateb a gaiff i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

#### ATODLEN

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Dyddiedig 14 Ionawr 2016

M. E. Punter  
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- EXTENDED
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- WEST END LOCATION
- NO CHAIN

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 • UPVC DG - GCH VIA COMBI (SERVICES NOT TESTED)  
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 • ER = D

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 • OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN  
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**BELL STREET, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • W.C. CLOAKROOM  
 • GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM  
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 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • LANE ACCESS  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = D

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**MERTHYR STREET, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL TRADITIONAL  
 • WELL PRESENTED  
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
 • TWO BEDROOMS  
 • MASTER WITH DRESSING ROOM OR COT ROOM  
 • PULL DOWN LADDER TO:  
 • REAR REAR REAR LANE ACCESS  
 • AMIDST TOWN CENTRE LOCATION  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • ER = D

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**MERTHYR STREET, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • PERIOD PROPERTY  
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
 • TWO BEDROOMS  
 • KITCHEN/BREAKFAST/SITTING ROOM  
 • FAMILY BATHROOM  
 • REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT  
 • REAR REAR REAR LANE ACCESS  
 • AMIDST TOWN CENTRE LOCATION  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • EPC = D

**£112,000**

**QUEEN STREET, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL TRADITIONAL  
 • LIVING/DINING ROOM  
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • UPVC DG-GCH VIA COMBI  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • KITCHEN/BATHROOM  
 • VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED  
 • ER = D

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**BELL STREET, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL TRADITIONAL  
 • COMPLETELY REFURBISHED  
 • STUNNING PRESENTATION  
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
 • FITTED KITCHEN/DINER  
 • TWO BEDROOMS  
 • BATHROOM TO 1ST FLR  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = C

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**TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • DINING ROOM OPENING TO KITCHEN  
 • SITTING ROOM  
 • FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • SPACIOUS FAMILY BATHROOM  
 • SEA VIEWS FROM THE REAR  
 • LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN  
 • ER = E

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**TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • ONE BEDROOMED APARTMENT  
 • DINING ROOM, SITTING ROOM  
 • W.C. CLOAKROOM  
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 • THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • ATTACHED REAR GARDEN  
 • VERY WELL PRESENTED  
 • ER = E

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**COLCOT ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • SPACIOUS LIVING THROUGHOUT  
 • THREE REC. ROOMS  
 • FIVE BEDROOMS  
 • KITCHEN/DINER  
 • FAMILY BATHROOM  
 • OVER 200FT GARDEN APPROX  
 • DRIVEWAY/GARAGE  
 • EPC = E

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**GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • PERIOD PROPERTY  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • KITCHEN/BREAKFAST/SITTING ROOM  
 • 1ST FLR. THREE BEDROOMS  
 • FAMILY BATHROOM  
 • 2ND FLR. FOURTH BEDROOM (ENSUITE)  
 • ENCLOSED GARDEN  
 • DRIVEWAY/VIEW FROM REAR  
 • ER = E

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**COLCOT ROAD, BARRY**  
 • A SPACIOUS DETACHED  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • KITCHEN/BREAKFAST  
 • UTILITY ROOM/SUN ROOM  
 • 1ST FLR. 4 BEDROOMS (ENSUITE)  
 • 2ND FLR. TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • GARAGE - LANE ACCESS  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = C

**£324,950**

**GUTHRIE STREET, BARRY**  
 • STUNNING PRESENTATION  
 • EXTENDED DETACHED  
 • WALLED FORECOURT AREA  
 • TWO SEPARATE REC ROOMS  
 • MODERN FITTED KITCHEN  
 • FOUR BEDROOMS  
 • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM  
 • GARAGE - LANE ACCESS  
 • REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT  
 • ER = D

**£121,950**

**WESTBURY CLOSE, BARRY**  
 • THREE BEDROOMS  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • DINING ROOM  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = E

**£90,000**

**REDBRINK CRESCENT, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED  
 • ONE BEDROOMED APARTMENT  
 • DINING ROOM  
 • LIVING ROOM (OPENING TO KITCHEN)  
 • PANTRY SEA VIEWS  
 • MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE  
 • SHOWER ROOM  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = C

**£90,000**

**ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE, BARRY**  
 • 2 DOUBLE BED APARTMENT  
 • FIRST FLOOR  
 • WEST END LOCATION  
 • BALCONY WITH SEA VIEWS  
 • GCH UPVC D/G  
 • VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED  
 • ER = D

**£107,000**

**HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL MID TERRACED DWELLING  
 • TWO LIVING ROOMS  
 • SPACIOUS DINER/KITCHEN  
 • FOUR BEDROOMS WITH ENSUITE  
 • FAR REACHING VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL  
 • LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN  
 • DRIVEWAY & GARAGE  
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL  
 • EPC = E

**£220,950**

**ROMILLY VIEWS, BARRY**  
 • GROUND FLR APARTMENT  
 • SEA VIEWS  
 • TWO BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)  
 • OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/LIVING/DINER  
 • GCH VIA COMBI  
 • PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = B

**£172,999**

**CASTLE STREET, BARRY**  
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL  
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • FIRST FLR. BATHROOM  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL  
 • ER = D

**£136,000**

**WINSTON ROAD, BARRY**  
 • WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOMED  
 • BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • MODERN FITTED KITCHEN  
 • GROUND FLR. SHOWER ROOM  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN ROOM TO EXTEND  
 • DRIVEWAY/PARKING  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = D

**£144,950**

**CARMARTHEN CLOSE, BARRY**  
 • DETACHED BUNGALOW  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • DINING ROOM  
 • 2015 FITTED KITCHEN  
 • RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT  
 • ENCLOSED GARDEN  
 • ORIGINAL FLOOR FLOORING TO SOME ROOMS  
 • GARAGE  
 • ER = D

**£152,500**

**OAKFIELD ROAD, BARRY**  
 • BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED  
 • LIVING ROOM (EXTENDED)  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • THREE BEDROOMS  
 • DRIVEWAY/GARAGE  
 • ORIGINAL FLOOR FLOORING TO SOME ROOMS  
 • NO CHAIN  
 • ER = D

**£179,950**

**GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY**  
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED  
 • PERIOD PROPERTY  
 • SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT  
 • FOUR BEDROOMS  
 • THREE RECEPTION ROOMS  
 • ORIGINAL FLAT/DRIVEWAY  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • DRIVEWAY WITH LANE ACCESS  
 • EPC = D

**£220,000**

**LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY**  
 • SEMI DETACHED  
 • GROUND FLR APARTMENT  
 • TWO BEDROOMS  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • REPLACEMENT BATHROOM  
 • GARAGE/DRIVEWAY  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR  
 • ER = C

**£124,950**

**HARDY CLOSE, BARRY**  
 • SEMI DETACHED  
 • LIVING ROOM  
 • FITTED KITCHEN  
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • REPLACEMENT BATHROOM  
 • GARAGE/DRIVEWAY  
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN  
 • PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR  
 • ER = C

**£145,000**

**TO**

**DAVNIC CLOSE, BARRY**  
 • TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR PROPERTY  
 • LOUNGE WITH FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS  
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • KITCHEN WITH BUILT IN OVEN & HOB  
 • BATHROOM  
 • 5 MINS WALK TO CADODTOWN TRAIN STATION  
 • NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS EPC - C

**£525 PCM**

**TO**

**HOWARD COURT, BARRY**  
 • TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT  
 • UNFURNISHED  
 • FREEZER  
 • KITCHEN INCLUDING FRIDGE  
 • FREEZER DRYER AND GAS COOKER  
 • BATHROOM WALK IN SHOWER  
 • BATHROOM  
 • GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
 • NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS EPC - C

**£530 PCM**

**TO**

**BELL STREET, BARRY**  
 • THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY  
 • SITUATED IN WEST END OF BARRY  
 • LARGE LOUNGE  
 • KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB  
 • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM  
 • CLOSE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS, SHOPS & TRANSPORT LINKS  
 • NO DSS, NO PETS, NO SMOKERS  
 • EPC - C

**£625 PCM**

**TO**

**CWM BARRY WAY, BARRY**  
 • THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED  
 • PROPERTY  
 • LOUNGE, KITCHEN/DINER  
 • 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS, 1 SINGLE BEDROOM  
 • FAMILY BATHROOM  
 • LARGE REAR GARDEN  
 • DRIVEWAY & GARAGE  
 • NO SMOKERS  
 • NO DSS

**£800 PCM**

**TO**

**BROAD STREET, BARRY**  
 • FULLY FURNISHED  
 • GROUND FLOOR FLAT  
 • LOUNGE  
 • DINING ROOM  
 • DOUBLE BEDROOM  
 • BATHROOM  
 • SHARED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN  
 • CLOSE TO LOCAL TRANSPORT LINKS  
 • NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS  
 • EPC - F

**£495 PCM**

**TO**

**WESTWARD RISE, BARRY**  
 • THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY  
 • LOCATED IN WEST END OF BARRY  
 • THROUGH LOUNGE, DINING ROOM  
 • KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES (IF REQUIRED)  
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS  
 • ONE SINGLE BEDROOM  
 • BATHROOM  
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D60



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Garage

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### WILLIAMS Aubrey

Peacefully at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 31st December 2015, Aubrey, aged 98 years. Beloved husband of the late Dorrien, much loved dad of John, David and daughter-in-laws Lyn and Alison. A cherished grandfather and great grandfather. Aubrey will also be sadly missed by dear friend Eileen and all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service to be held at St Cadoc's Church on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 at 1pm followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired for The British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Director.

### ORCHARD Craig Anthony (Orch)

Suddenly on December 25, Craig of Llantwit Major. Beloved son of Peter and Janice, dearly loved brother of Peter and Rhian, brother-in-law of Paula and Jules, and a much loved uncle of Dylan, Ewan, Carys, Tegan and Iestyn. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

The service took place on Monday, January 11 in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

### DAVID Ernie

(formerly of Ely, South Harrow and Rhose)

Passed away peacefully on January 5, aged 87, at home in Chippenham, Wiltshire. Husband of Glenys (deceased), father of Peter and Russell. Thanksgiving Service at the Central Methodist Church, Chippenham on Thursday, January 21 at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please, donations may be sent to MHA via Maslin Funeral Service, 118a High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire SN4 7AU. Tel: 01793 848700.

### LISCOMBE

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### LIMBRICK Raymond

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Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ 01446 407962.

### McARTHUR Donald

Peacefully at home on Wednesday, 6th January 2016, surrounded by his family. Don of Beechwood Avenue, Cefn Glas, Bridgend. Devoted husband of Shirley. Dearly loved dad of Donna and the late Stuart. Loved and respected father-in-law of Steve. Loving and proud grandpa of Emily and Olivia. A dear brother, uncle and friend.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 20th January 2016 at 10.30am. Family flowers only by request, but donations in lieu will be gratefully received for Prostate Cancer UK and may be sent direct to Fourth Floor, The Counting House, 53 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2NQ.

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### SMITH

#### Carl Pembrey (Wurzel)

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Funeral service at St Athan Church on Thursday, January 21 at 2pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, Wales.

### REES

#### Michael John 'Mike'

Peacefully at home on January 11, after a long illness. Devoted husband of 50 years to Thelma. Father to Chris, Nigel, Paul and Ian and proud grandfather. Friend to many. Funeral details to be confirmed.

### JENKINS Roy Edward

Peacefully on January 2 at Llandough Hospital with his devoted wife Elaine at his side. Roy, well known for his time at Aberthaw Power Station and BP Chemicals. A much loved dad and Granbag to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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### PHILLIPS

#### David John BSc. MA. DipEd

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### HODSOLL Bonnie

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## Acknowledgements

### HARRY Richard

Susan and family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and sympathy following Richard's passing.

They would also like to thank Rachel for the lovely service and special thanks to Aberthaw Tarmac and Cavra. Also, thanks to W.A. Brown & Son for their professional help with the funeral arrangements.

### AUSTIN Mair

Bill and family wish to thank most sincerely all friends and neighbours for the amount of support and best wishes they have received over the recent weeks. Special thanks to the staff on Ward 4 at the Princess of Wales Hospital for the excellent care that Mair received.

Also, special thanks to Reverend Stephen Pare for his kind words and ministrations and Andrew Thomas, Funeral Director, for the dignified and professional funeral arrangements. Also, Neil and his staff at the Lamb & Flag, Wick for refreshments and welcome. Mair/mam/nanny would have been proud of it all.

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David will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends. Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service to celebrate his life on Monday, 25 January at 2pm. Afterwards committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 4pm. No flowers by request. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Vale Plus, Barry.

### POWELL James

Of Llanblethian, Cowbridge.

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Funeral service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Monday, 18th January 2016 at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be made to Winston's Wish, 3rd Floor, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3JR. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

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## Ath seconds progress in the Enoch Lewis cup

**BOTH** second XVs from Bridgend Athletic and Glynneath deserve credit for allowing this Enoch Lewis quarter-final cup tie to be played on a quagmire of a pitch in pouring rain.

They both also did attempt to play rugby with a ball resembling a bar of soap!

The Athletic made light of the conditions in the opening minutes, moving the ball across the whole back division of Aled Thomas, Scott Jones, Chris Price, Tom Jenkins, Nathan Jones and Tom Phillips before debutant wing Christian Smith crossed in the corner.

The backs continued to try and move the ball at every opportunity, but a combination of over-elaboration and the conditions defeated them.

One breakdown led to Glynneath breaking away and only a last ditch tackle prevented the try. The Athletic forwards held the upper hand in the scrums, where props Lewis Dando and Gethin Cattle and hooker Wayne Fookes were very solid.

Lineouts were difficult but Harry Griffiths and Jamie Doherty secured

their own possession. The back row of No 8 Tom Phillips and flankers Ben Cording and Aaron Mordecai stood out in attack and defence.

It wasn't until the 38th minute the Athletic were able to add to their lead.

Scrum-half Aled Thomas took a quick tap penalty 30 metres out and outside half Scott Jones pierced the defence before slipping a scoring pass to the supporting Aaron Mordecai to cross wide out. Aled Thomas landed an excellent conversion to put the Athletic 12-0 ahead at the break.

It was all Athletic in the opening 10 minutes of the second half. Glynneath who had travelled with no substitutes then suffered two injuries.

Their coach, fearful of more injuries playing with only 13 players, advised the referee and Athletic that they wished to concede the game. The Athletic now progress to the semi-finals.

Positives from the game were the debuts of full back Nathan Jones and Christian Smith – though these boys also play football. They would be an asset if they decided to permanently switch codes.

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## REDS BACK IN ACTION

**AFTER** a long break from football due to the poor weather, Cowbridge Town Reds were delighted to be able to travel to Sully to play the Scorpions in the first league fixture of 2016.

The pitch at Burnham Avenue, overlooking the Bristol Channel, was in remarkably good condition considering the recent rainfall.

Any Christmas indulgence did not show as the Reds attacked with gusto from the start and stood up to the home side's physicality. The opening goal came after five minutes and started from a defensive header by Akka Guwy which was picked up by Harry Treharne, who drove forward before threading the ball through to Craig Tapsfield, who had carefully timed his run to remain outside the goal before finishing coolly.

Soon afterwards, the Reds were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the Sully box which was dispatched into the top corner by Akka, who gave the keeper no chance.

A series of corners by the Reds created some half-chances which failed to find the Sully net, but shortly after Craig was able to score his second of the day, completing his hat-trick soon after to make the score 4-0.

Sully responded with a goal of their own, cutting straight through the visitors' midfield and defence to make the half-time score 4-1.

The Reds played up the slope in the second half, but it was not to be an uphill struggle, as a terrific left-footed shot

from Harry found the back of the net to open the second-half scoring.

There followed a period of end-to-end play with neither side able to convert the chances that were created.

The breakthrough came eventually and started with good distribution from goalkeeper Aron Kempson which led to a break down the right wing, with Ruben Davies on the end of the final pass to tuck the ball away. Ruben claimed his second shortly afterwards to make the score 7-1.

Harry scored his second soon after followed by Sam Davies opening his account from a great delivery by Toby Mallett. To their credit, Sully kept battling and were unfortunate to have a goal disallowed for offside.

The Reds defence had been expertly marshalled by captain Rhys Hardman but, after he was replaced with 10 minutes remaining, it was caught napping, allowing Sully to score the final goal and make the score 9-2 at full-time.

While both teams looked rusty after such a long lay-off, they deserve credit for playing competitive football until the final whistle.

The Reds were pleased to get back on the pitch and hope their next game is sooner rather than later.

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## Bowls club take a trip to Torquay

**THE** start of 2016 saw members of Llantwit Major Bowls Club making a visit to Torquay Leisure Hotels, for a second time in just over two months.

Although the original party was 12 club members, only eight made the trip to Torquay for various reasons. This made it difficult for bowls co-ordinator Sarah Vinnicombe, whose only option was to give all the remaining sides a bye, and for the second time in two months Llantwit had a team going through the whole tournament undefeated.

This was not a normal game of bowls, as it had a football theme, in which you had to score three shots to score a goal and if a team put the jack into the ditch, the opposition got a penalty on the following end in which they could remove two woods from the other team.

The undefeated rink were Edna Hardie, Margaret Morgan, Bert Colling and skipped by the experienced Eric Hacker. Their average age was 80 years, brought down by youngster Bert. Well done you four and thanks for a great week.

Returning home we had a mixed game on Saturday, in Penarth Rectory Road, which we all enjoy. The result, however did not go Llantwit's way.

Scores: J Ball, M Morgan, M Jones and E Hacker 13-29; K. Jones, D. Jones, G. Snowdon and V. Ball 14-22; K. Williams, H. Nixon, J. Nixon and J. Molly 14-17; and Llantwit's winning rink G. Fox, R. Gray, J. Crane and E. Gray 22-13.

In conclusion, many thanks to Mike Jones for finding players, when others cried off, and to Graham Snowdon, who received a telephone call at 9.30pm on Friday evening – once again, thank you both.

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## Farmers' Nipper final goes to the wire!



Winner Dan Jarvis on the right with runner-up Neil McLean together with flag attendant Tim Jarvis.

**THE** final of the Nipper Jewell knockout competition between defending champion Dan Jarvis and Neil McLean organised by the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was played last Thursday on the Wales National course at the Vale of Glamorgan complex.

Playing off the white tees and with wet conditions underfoot both players played to a very high standard helped by the warm sunshine that greeted the

players on arrival.

Neil McLean won the first two holes before Dan Jarvis brought the match all square when winning the next two. Thanks mainly to some well executed iron shots Dan had a one-hole lead over Neil as they approached the halfway stage.

Playing the next three holes without dropping a shot allowed Dan to increase his lead to two holes before Neil struck back when winning the long dog leg 16th hole.

Neil had the opportunity of bringing the match all square at the 17th but uncharacteristically three putted leaving Dan with a one hole lead as they

stepped onto the 18th tee. Unfortunately Neil's approach shot from 150 yards into the 18th green found the water hazard leaving Dan the winner of this coveted trophy donated to the society in memory of the late Mr Keith 'Nipper' Jewell.

Society members are now looking forward to their first meeting of the New Year scheduled for Thursday, January 28, at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club and the opportunity of winning one of the many quality prizes supplied by the days sponsor Mr Gino Cocco of Llanharan Concrete Company Ltd.

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## Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**AFTER** the winter break and the completion of the Great Western Cup before Christmas, the first darts matches of 2016 were played on Tuesday January 12, results of which will be given next week.

This coming Tuesday January 19 a full programme of league matches will be played. The Edmondson B hosts the Farmers B (H&H), the Edmondson C hosts the Edmondson A, the Farmers Arms hosts the Old Post Ladies and the Six Bells Inn hosts the Highwayman Inn. Llanharry do not have a game.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at [cowbridgedarts@gmail.com](mailto:cowbridgedarts@gmail.com), up-to-date information can be found on the website: [www.darts.apsn.co.uk](http://www.darts.apsn.co.uk).

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